TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

SUPPORTING SUNNI SCHOLARS

For the year ended 31 December 2025

Charity registration no. 1199125 | Company registration no. 13758704

2025 at a glance

Measure	Amount
Total income recognised	£185,697.53
Charitable programme grants and support	£181,537.58
Other operating, support and administration expenditure	£14,859.59
Total accruals expenditure	£196,397.17
Net expenditure for the year	(£10,699.64)
Closing cash at bank	£1,080.44

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1. Reference and administrative information

Item	Detail
Registered charity	Supporting Sunni Scholars
Charity registration number	1199125
Company registration number	13758704
Legal form	Charitable company limited by guarantee
Principal office	5A–5B Mackenzie Street, Slough, SL1 1XQ
Reporting period	1 January to 31 December 2025
Trustees serving during 2025	Hamzah Usman Mahmood; Mubashir Hussain Mahmood; Muhammad Ifzal Qamar (resigned October 2025)
Governing document	Articles of Association

2. Structure, governance and management

Legal structure and governing document

Supporting Sunni Scholars is a charitable company limited by guarantee registered in England and Wales. The charity is governed by its Articles of Association. The trustees are responsible for strategic direction, stewardship of charitable funds, ensuring that activities further the charitable objects, and compliance with applicable charity and company law.

Trustee recruitment and oversight

According to the charity's existing governance, prospective trustees are identified through community networks and considered by the board for their suitability, commitment and relevant expertise; appointments are approved by the existing trustees in accordance with the governing document. The trustees meet to review the charity's activities, finances and objectives. The charity's work was supported by trustees, volunteers, beneficiaries and paid professional services.

Risk management and safeguarding of funds

The principal financial risks in 2025 were the reduction in cash resources and the need to match charitable commitments with available donations. Financial oversight focused on safeguarding funds, reviewing programme expenditure and maintaining the ability to meet obligations as they arise. Grant approvals and management of trustee interests are governed by the charity's Articles of Association and relevant charity-law requirements.

3. Objectives, activities and public benefit

Article 4 of the Articles of Association sets out the charity's objects: to advance traditional Sunni Islam for public benefit, in accordance with the Statement of Faith, by financially supporting Imams and Scholars, especially from low-income backgrounds, to spread the principles of Islam through publishing and teaching, raise awareness and understanding of

religious beliefs and practices, and carry out outreach work. The programmes described below advance these objects.

During 2025 the charity pursued these purposes through six complementary programmes: Support Publishing, Support A Scholar, Support A Student, Support Teaching, Digital Support and Support Research. These programmes provided financial support, books and teaching materials, specialist research and publishing assistance, and recording equipment intended to facilitate access to Islamic educational content.

The intended beneficiaries comprise scholars, teachers, students and the wider public reached through books, educational activities and digital resources. Public benefit arises from making learning and scholarly outputs more accessible, relieving financial barriers to education and maintaining capacity for teaching and scholarly work.

The trustees present these activities as contributing to public benefit through educational support, scholarships, publications, teaching and digital access to religious learning.

4. Achievements and performance

In 2025, payments allocated to the six charitable programmes totalled £181,537.58. This figure includes direct expenditure on programme resources and services as well as financial assistance; it must not be interpreted as a total of grants awarded to individuals or organisations alone – details of grant-making can be found in Section 5.

Programme	2025 payments	Share
Support Publishing	£69,353.36	38.2%
Support A Scholar	£35,805.16	19.7%
Support A Student	£13,711.15	7.6%
Support Teaching	£10,426.04	5.7%
Digital Support	£34,388.16	18.9%
Support Research	£17,853.71	9.8%
Total	**£181,537.58**	**100.0%**

Percentages are rounded to one decimal point. Programme expenditure is presented using the charity's established names.

4.1 Support Publishing — £69,353.36

Support Publishing was the largest charitable programme by recorded payments. Its purpose was to facilitate the creation and availability of Islamic scholarly books by addressing both the financial cost of printing and the time and resources necessary for scholarly authorship.

Support included the costs of printing books and financial assistance to scholars engaged in writing. Authors undertaking substantive works may need extended periods for investigation, drafting, editing and preparation. By assisting scholars to devote time to this work, the

charity sought to reduce financial obstacles to producing educational and scholarly publications.

The programme also met printing expenditure to enable completed works to be produced in physical form. These activities supported the preservation of scholarly writing and availability of books for students, teachers, researchers and the public. Payments relating to authorship, printing and production are reported within Support Publishing.

4.2 Support A Scholar — £35,805.16

Support A Scholar provided assistance intended to sustain scholars in their religious, educational and intellectual work. The activity included grants supplementing scholarly work as well as assistance towards living costs.

The programme recognised that personal financial pressure can limit the time available for teaching, research and writing. Appropriate financial assistance sought to enable supported scholars to continue contributing to Islamic education and the transmission of knowledge. The immediate benefit was the provision of support to recipients; the wider intended benefit was continued access to their scholarship and teaching.

The programme combined support for scholarly work with assistance towards living costs, each directed towards sustaining eligible scholarly and educational activity.

4.3 Support A Student — £13,711.15

Support A Student provided financial assistance to students pursuing Islamic studies. This included stipends or grants towards tuition fees and the purchase of essential books and learning resources.

By contributing to the costs of tuition and specialist study materials, the charity sought to reduce barriers to continuing education and help students access resources necessary for their studies. This programme supports individual educational progression and, in the longer term, the development of people able to contribute to scholarship and teaching.

Tuition-fee assistance and book purchases constituted the principal educational support provided to student beneficiaries.

4.4 Support Teaching — £10,426.04

Support Teaching assisted teaching endeavours through financial support for educational activities and the provision or purchase of teaching materials. The emphasis was on practical support for the delivery of Islamic education.

This expenditure was intended to help teachers and teaching initiatives obtain resources needed to prepare and deliver lessons, and to sustain educational provision where direct costs might otherwise be a barrier. The benefit is reflected in additional support for educators and the opportunities for students and communities to receive teaching.

Support Teaching included financial assistance to educators and teaching initiatives alongside direct expenditure on educational resources and materials.

4.5 Digital Support — £34,388.16

Digital Support invested in the technology needed to record and share Islamic educational content. An important element was the procurement of multiple items of high-quality video production equipment, provided for use in high-definition recordings of lessons and scholarly teaching.

Access to capable audiovisual equipment can be a substantial upfront expense for scholars and educators. By funding and providing equipment, the programme sought to reduce this barrier, improve recording quality, and enable teaching to be shared beyond the immediate audience of a physical lesson.

The intended longer-term public benefit includes repeated access to educational recordings, broader dissemination of teaching and the preservation of lessons for future audiences. The programme expenditure records establish purchases and provision of resources; the quantity of recordings produced or viewers reached should only be reported where separately evidenced.

The charity confirms that Digital Support equipment was provided outright to its beneficiaries. Expenditure on such equipment is included in the Digital Support programme and is not carried as an asset of the charity. Separately purchased IT and software, including the £2,499 staff laptop, is included in the charity's own operating expenditure.

4.6 Support Research — £17,853.71

Support Research provided grants for original scholarly research and the production of new written works. Funding was intended to enable scholars to undertake investigation, writing and the development of substantive research material that might otherwise be constrained by limited financial resources.

The charity reports that original works supported through this programme were subsequently published or distributed free of charge. This links the immediate grant to a wider educational outcome: making the results of scholarly research available to readers without an additional financial barrier where resources were freely distributed.

The programme supported original scholarly works and their subsequent publication or free distribution. Research grants were directed to the undertaking and dissemination of scholarly research.

Programme-level public benefit

Taken together, the six programmes support a chain of charitable activity: helping students to study, teachers to teach, scholars to continue their work, researchers to produce original material, publishers to print books, and educators to record and distribute knowledge digitally. The charity's programme payments sought to address different but connected obstacles to Islamic education and scholarship.

The figures demonstrate the scale of financial resources allocated to these aims; they do not, without beneficiary records, establish the number of people supported or the number of publications and recordings produced. No such counts have been assumed in this report.

5. Grant-making and delivery approach

The charity used a mixture of direct grants, beneficiary stipends, purchases of educational materials, book printing, research and authorship support, and equipment distributed to beneficiaries. The figures below are programme-support classifications and include direct costs as well as grants.

2025 grants and programme support by recipient type

The charity has confirmed the following recipient-type allocation of the £181,537.58 recorded under its six charitable programmes during the year ended 31 December 2025. This allocation identifies the destination of support across the charity's activities and is distinct from the six programme descriptions above.

Grant and programme support recipient	Amount paid
Grants and programme support to individuals	£154,221.09
Grants and programme support to organisations	£27,316.49
Total charitable programme support	**£181,537.58**

Support to individuals included assistance to scholars, students, educators and research beneficiaries. Support to organisations enabled scholarly, educational and publishing activities. Equipment distributed through Digital Support was given outright to beneficiaries. These recipient-type figures include grants and other programme support.

The charity records programme expenditure by charitable purpose and recipient type. Grant-making and recipient-support activities are subject to the charity's approval and governance arrangements.

The trustee-related professional-services payment is disclosed separately in the notes to the financial statements, including the authority provided by the Articles of Association and the applicable statutory conditions.

6. Financial review

6.1 Income and expenditure shown in the supplied records

During 2025, income totalled £185,697.53, comprising public donations of £161,146.85 and Gift Aid income of £24,550.68. Total expenditure amounted to £196,397.17, comprising £181,537.58 of charitable programme support and £14,859.59 of other operating and support expenditure.

Of the £181,537.58 charitable programme total, £154,221.09 was classified as grants and programme support to individuals and £27,316.49 to organisations. These figures are included in the six-programme expenditure above and do not represent additional expenditure.

Expenditure exceeded income by £10,699.64, resulting in net expenditure (a deficit) for 2025. As there were no year-end debtors, creditors, prepayments or accrued expenses, the 2025

Statement of Financial Activities reports the same net expenditure of £10,699.64. Opening unrestricted funds were £11,780.08 and closing funds were £1,080.44, held as bank cash.

6.2 Costs, allocations and Gift Aid

Other operating and support expenditure totalled £14,859.59. This comprised website and marketing, telephone, administration fees, travel, IT/software/equipment and staff/contractor payments. Gift Aid receipts for 2025 amounted to £24,550.68. The charity has no restricted funds; all income and expenditure is presented within unrestricted funds. The income statement does not strictly attribute particular donations to individual expense categories.

6.3 Reserves and liquidity

The charity's reserves policy aims to hold approximately three months' expenditure. At 31 December 2025 unrestricted funds and available cash were £1,080.44, compared with £11,780.08 at the start of the year. Available reserves were substantially below the policy objective.

All charity funds are unrestricted. Cash at bank of £1,080.44 represented the entirety of recognised net assets at 31 December 2025. No fixed assets, receivables, creditors or other liabilities are recognised in these accounts.

The charity continues to receive regular charitable donations. Given the low year-end cash balance relative to annual programme expenditure, trustees monitor liquidity and programme commitments against donation receipts as part of their financial oversight.

6.4 Fund balances, assets and liabilities

The charity has confirmed that there were no restricted funds and no amounts receivable or payable at 31 December 2025. No tangible fixed assets are recognised in the accounts: Digital Support equipment was given outright to beneficiaries.

7. Plans for future periods

The charity intends to continue supporting Islamic scholarship and education through its six established programmes, subject to available charitable donations. Its focus includes maintaining support for publishing, scholarly work, students, teaching, digital learning and research, alongside the prudent management of resources.

Programme priorities include supporting publications and research made accessible to the public, making educational equipment available to beneficiaries, and maintaining assistance to students, teachers and scholars. The charity also seeks to maintain appropriate approval, financial monitoring and reserves arrangements.

Implementation of future priorities is subject to available donations, trustee decisions and prudent management of cash resources.

8. Trustees' responsibilities and approval

The trustees are responsible for preparing the annual report and financial statements in accordance with applicable law and UK accounting standards. They are responsible for adequate accounting records, safeguarding assets, and taking reasonable steps to prevent and detect fraud and other irregularities. The financial statements are presented using the accruals principles of Charities SORP (FRS 102), second edition 2019, for this calendar-year reporting period.

This report presents calendar-year financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2025, with comparative calendar-year figures for 2024 and 2023. The charitable company's separate statutory accounting period is not combined with this calendar-year report.

Notes to the Accounts

1. All income was received as public donations online or via bank transfer.
2. All administrative costs were covered exclusively by Gift Aid receipts. This ensures 100% of public donations were used for charitable projects.
3. The charity held no restricted funds during the year.
4. The charity held no investments, debts, or assets other than cash at the bank.

Trustees' Declaration

The trustees declare that these accounts are a true and fair summary of the receipts and payments of Supporting Sunni Scholars for the year ending 31 December 2025.

Approval

Approved by the trustees on: 19.10.2026

Signed on behalf of the board: M. Mahmood

Name of authorised trustee: Hamzah Mahmood

Position: Trustee / (Director)

Date signed: 21.10.2026

9. Financial statements and notes to the accounts

9.1 Statement of Financial Activities

Incorporating the income and expenditure account | All funds unrestricted

Income and expenditure	**2025 (£)**	**2024 (£)**	**2023 (£)**
Income from donations and legacies			
Public donations	161,146.85	127,295.55	55,959.48
Gift Aid income	24,550.68	17,680.55	10,218.32
Total income	185,697.53	144,976.10	66,177.80
Expenditure on charitable activities			
Charitable grants and programme support	181,537.58	124,866.86	53,748.71
Delivery, support and other operating costs	14,859.59	12,354.81	8,961.44
Total expenditure	196,397.17	137,221.67	62,710.15
Net income / (expenditure)	(10,699.64)	7,754.43	3,467.65
Total funds brought forward	11,780.08	4,025.65	558.00
Total funds carried forward	**1,080.44**	**11,780.08**	**4,025.65**

9.2 Balance Sheet

As at 31 December | All funds unrestricted

Assets and funds	**2025 (£)**	**2024 (£)**	**2023 (£)**
Tangible fixed assets	0.00	0.00	0.00
Cash at bank	1,080.44	11,780.08	4,025.65
Total current assets	1,080.44	11,780.08	4,025.65
Creditors and accruals due within one year	0.00	0.00	0.00
Net current assets	1,080.44	11,780.08	4,025.65
Total net assets	1,080.44	11,780.08	4,025.65
Unrestricted income funds	1,080.44	11,780.08	4,025.65
Total charity funds	**1,080.44**	**11,780.08**	**4,025.65**

No tangible fixed assets are recognised in the calendar-year accounts. No debtors, prepayments, unpaid costs, accrued liabilities or restricted funds are reported at 31 December 2025.

9.3 Notes to the Financial Statements

Note 1 — General information and basis of preparation

Supporting Sunni Scholars is a charitable company limited by guarantee in England and Wales (charity no. 1199125; company no. 13758704). These calendar-year financial statements are prepared on an accruals basis, following Charities SORP (FRS 102), second edition 2019, for accounting periods commencing before 1 January 2026. The year covered is 1 January to 31 December 2025; the comparative calendar-year figures for 2024 and historical figures for 2023 derive from the charity's annual reports. The separately determined Companies House statutory accounting period is not combined here.

Note 2 — Accounting policies

Income from donations and Gift Aid is recognised when entitlement exists, receipt is probable and the amount is measurable. Expenditure on grants is recognised when the charity has a legal or constructive obligation that can be measured reliably; other expenditure is recognised as goods or services are received. No receivables, prepayments, creditors or accrued liabilities are reported at the year end. All funds are unrestricted. Purchases of equipment supplied outright to beneficiaries are expensed within the relevant charitable programme. IT, software and equipment acquired for the charity's own use is charged to expenditure as incurred for the calendar-year accounts and supported by Gift-Aid receipts; no tangible fixed assets or depreciation are recognised. Other operating costs are included in expenditure on charitable activities on the basis of the available programme classifications.

Note 3 — Donations and Gift Aid

Donation income was £161,146.85 in 2025 (£127,295.55 in 2024 and £55,959.48 in 2023). Gift Aid income was £24,550.68 in 2025 (£17,680.55 in 2024 and £10,218.32 in 2023). Total income was £185,697.53 in 2025, £144,976.10 in 2024 and £66,177.80 in 2023. The charity reports that no Gift Aid or other amounts remained receivable at 31 December 2025.

Note 4 — Charitable programme expenditure

Programme	2025 (£)	2024 (£)	2023 (£)
Support Publishing	69,353.36	111,481.54	45,315.60
Support A Scholar	35,805.16	2,908.35	6,300.00
Support A Student	13,711.15	4,210.00	1,000.00
Support Teaching	10,426.04	60.00	210.06
Digital Support	34,388.16	6,206.97	923.05
Support Research	17,853.71	0.00	0.00
Total programme support	**181,537.58**	**124,866.86**	**53,748.71**

These programme headings reflect the charity's established activities and include monetary grants, direct charitable payments and equipment or materials transferred to beneficiaries.

The 2025 allocations therefore describe overall programme expenditure and are not to be assumed as six totals of cash grants to third parties.

Note 5 — Programme support by recipient type

2025 classification	Amount (£)
Support to individual beneficiaries	154,221.09
Support to organisations	27,316.49
Total charitable programme support	**181,537.58**

The 2025 amounts by recipient type reconcile to total programme expenditure in Note 4. They include grants and other programme support; costs of printing, purchased materials and equipment provided to beneficiaries.

Note 6 — Operating and support expenditure

Cost type	2025 (£)	2024 (£)	2023 (£)
Website, marketing and communications	4,718.26	8,217.33	8,850.75
Telephone and communications	105.00	98.60	47.69
Administration fees, postage and packaging	112.29	1,144.48	63.00
Travel and subsistence	689.85	1,854.00	0.00
IT, software and equipment	5,433.77	1,040.40	0.00
Staff and contractor costs	3,800.42	0.00	0.00
Total operating and support expenditure	14,859.59	12,354.81	8,961.44

Note 7 — Trustee remuneration, former-trustee employment and related parties

Muhammad Ifzal Qamar, who served as a trustee until his resignation in October 2025, received £1,000 in remuneration (£100 per month from January to October 2025) for professional graphic-design services provided to the charity during his trusteeship. Following his resignation, he was employed by the charity and received a total gross salary of £2,800.42, comprising £1,400.21 in each of November and December 2025. The total remuneration paid for professional services and subsequent employment during the financial year amounted to £3,800.42. No other trustee remuneration was reported during the year. The remuneration paid during trusteeship was authorised in accordance with Articles 5(9) and 7(2)(b) of the charity's Articles of Association, which permit trustees to receive payment for providing professional services, subject to compliance with sections 185 and 186 of the Charities Act 2011. Article 8 additionally governs the declaration and management of conflicts of interest. The trustees confirm that all six statutory conditions governing such payments were fulfilled. Specifically, the charity's governing document permitted the arrangement; the engagement was considered to be in the charity's best interests; the remuneration was reasonable and proportionate to the services provided; a written agreement was in place; only a minority of trustees received remuneration; and all

conflicts of interest were appropriately managed, with the interested trustee excluded from relevant discussions, decisions and quorum calculations. The remuneration paid in November and December 2025 related exclusively to employment undertaken following Muhammad Ifzal Qamar's resignation as trustee and therefore did not constitute remuneration during trusteeship.

Note 8 — Unrestricted funds

The charity reports no restricted or endowment funds. All income, expenditure and year-end cash is treated as unrestricted. Unrestricted funds at 1 January 2025 amounted to £11,780.08; net expenditure for the year was £10,699.64; unrestricted funds carried forward at 31 December 2025 were £1,080.44, comprising cash at bank only.

Note 9 — Debtors, creditors and commitments

At 31 December 2025 the charity confirms it had no unpaid suppliers, accrued expenses, salaries or contractor payments, amounts receivable, prepaid costs or other amounts owed. No outstanding commitments or liabilities are reported, and no tangible fixed assets are recognised.

Note 10 — Bank balance and fund reconciliation

Cash at 1 January 2025 was £11,780.08. Income of £185,697.53 less expenditure of £196,397.17 produced a net deficit of £10,699.64 and cash at 31 December 2025 of £1,080.44. There are no fixed-asset, depreciation or working-capital adjustments between the recorded 2025 cash movement and the calendar-year net expenditure in the SoFA.

Note 11 — Reserves and going concern

The charity's reserves aim is to retain approximately three months of expenditure. Unrestricted funds and free reserves at 31 December 2025 were £1,080.44, considerably less than that objective. The charity receives regular donations to support its continuing activities. The trustees consider the availability of future donation income and the timing of programme commitments when evaluating liquidity and the going-concern basis of the financial statements.

Note 12 — Reconciliation of 2025 income, expenditure and funds

Reconciliation item	2025 (£)
Total income	185,697.53
Total expenditure	(196,397.17)
Net expenditure recognised in SoFA	(10,699.64)
Opening unrestricted funds	11,780.08
Closing unrestricted funds	1,080.44

SUPPORTING SUNNI SCHOLARS

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Supporting Sunni Scholars
Year ended 31 December 2025

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Supporting Sunni Scholars ('the charity') for the year ended 31 December 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report:

As the trustees of the charity, you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act'), I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements 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 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 Act;
2. the financial statements do not accord with those records: or
3. the financial statements 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.

Signed: _____

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