BARKING & DAGENHAM MUSLIM ASSOCIATION

Annual Report for 2024-2025 Session

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Trustees' Report

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2025

Full name: Barking and Dagenham Muslim Association (BDMA)

Registered Charity Number: 1201033

Trustees and Roles (Board of Management)

- **Mr. Atiqur Rahman** – Chairperson
- **Mr. Shabbir Ahmad Kawsar** – General Secretary
- **Mr. Syed Shahjahan Kadir** – Treasurer
- **Mr. Abdul Habiz** – Vice Chairperson
- **Mr. Kazi M. Aminul Islam** – Fundraising & Events Lead

Members

15 (including trustees) as at **31 October 2025**

Bankers

Barclays Bank Plc, Leicester, LE87 2BB

Annual Report for the Period 1 November 2024 to 31 October 2025

1. Introduction

By the grace and mercy of Allah (SWT), BDMA has continued to serve the community with dedication, unity, and purpose. Supported by a committed team of volunteers, we have worked tirelessly to uphold and advance our objectives for the benefit of all. Despite the challenges faced during the 2024–2025 organisational year, our resolve remained strong, allowing us to turn difficulties into opportunities for growth and service.
This report highlights our achievements, activities, and key milestones, reflecting the collective effort and spirit of our community.

2. Aim and Objectives

The objects of the Barking and Dagenham Muslim Association (BDMA) are to advance the Islamic religion for the public benefit through prayer services, education and training, and the celebration of religious festivals.

3. Governance and Management

The Barking and Dagenham Muslim Association (BDMA) is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO), registered in November 2022. It is governed by an elected Board of Management responsible for overseeing the organisation's finances, governance, and assets. The names and roles of current trustees are listed above.

4. BDMA Governance Matters

4.1 The BDMA Executive Committee, Board of Trustees, and General Meetings were convened as required to review governance documents and plan and implement activities in support of the CIO's objectives.
4.2 The last AGM was held on **29 November 2024** at the Hedgecock Community Centre.
4.3 An Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) was held on **14 October 2025** to amend the constitution to improve the administration of the charity. Other matters included a pre-

application discussion regarding a property for community use.
4.4 BDMA currently has **15 official members**, including 5 elected Executive Committee members / Trustees. Unfortunately, a few valued members resigned during the year for personal reasons. However, new members and volunteers were recruited to maintain service quality.
4.5 BDMA benefited from a strong number of volunteers and regular donors who served selflessly for the benefit of the public.
4.6 BDMA manages a Facebook page and two public WhatsApp groups for regular users, providing updates on services and activities.
4.7 In addition to the BDMA CIO Constitution, the organisation maintains the following policy documents:

- Safeguarding Policy
- Membership Policy
- Executive Committee Roles
- Electoral Procedure

5. BDMA Activities

5.1 Daily Prayer Facilities

5.1.1 BDMA was unable to continue providing daily prayer facilities after **15 August 2024** (following 6.5 years of continuous service) due to the leaseholder's decision not to renew rental arrangements.
5.1.2 BDMA remains committed to restoring daily prayer facilities in partnership with others. Members continue to volunteer at local prayer venues, and BDMA leadership has been actively exploring opportunities to purchase an appropriate property with planning consent for community and prayer services.

5.2 Weekly Mayesbrook Park Jumu'ah Service

BDMA began weekly Jumua'h services at Barking Sportshouse and Gym since 2nd **August 2025**, open to men, women, and families. The service attracts approximately **500 attendees** each week. Qualified Imams are booked regularly to deliver sermons. BDMA has been blessed with dedicated volunteers to run the service. **Mr M A Shahid** had been serving as the Chair of the Mayesbrook Park Jumuah Service since its inception.

5.3 Qur'an Learning Lessons

Weekly Qur'an lessons for adults take place every Tuesday, delivered voluntarily by Ustadh Hussain. Despite accommodation challenges, this service continues at an alternative venue.

5.4 General Public Events

BDMA organised several public events throughout the year on topics relevant to members and the wider community. The guest speakers included Shaykh Ashiqur Rahman Azhari.

5.5 Ramadan Events

A community Iftar event was held at HCC, attended by approximately **120 guests**.

5.6 Eid Events

- **Eid-ul-Fitr 2025** was celebrated in partnership with LBCA and BCF at Barking Abbey School. We catered for over 3000 people in 4 sessions for men, women and children
- **Eid-ul-Adha 2025** was celebrated in partnership with LBCA and BCF at Mayesbrook Park. We served over 3000 people on the day of Eid even though the weather was challenging.

6. Partnership Work

6.1 BDMA established a partnership with the Interfaith Group of Barking & Dagenham Council.
6.2 BDMA collaborated with various local mosques and community organisations, including BCF, HCC, LBCA, and Darul Ummah Goresbrook (DUG), among others.
6.3 BDMA engaged with the Council Leader / elected members and senior officers to discuss a potential joint venture to develop a Community Hub with integrated prayer facilities. The organisation will continue to actively explore this project.

6.4 BDMA engaged with the reputable charity HRF (Human Relief Foundation) to deliver donations to the needy people around the world.

7. Financial Report (Treasurer's Report)

A full set of annual accounts for the period is provided separately on pages x–xx. A summary as at 31 October 2025 is presented below:

	31 Oct 2025	**31 Oct 2024**
Balance B/F	£9,172.69	£7,319.14
Total Income	£24,193.00	£21,848.61
Total Expenditure	(£27,270.53)	(£20,029.82)
Surplus / Deficit	**(£3,077.53)**	**£1,818.79**
Balance C/F	£6,095.16	£9,172.69

Notes:

- The main expenditure related to rental costs for prayer facilities and event delivery.
- Event expenses were covered through public donations.
- All services were delivered by volunteers; no staff were paid.
- BDMA received regular donations from members and the wider community, both online and in cash.
- BDMA's regular main sponsors included FBA (UK) LTD and Pride of Asia. We are grateful for their generous support and ask Allah SWT to grant the owners and their families abundant rewards.

8. Moving Forward

8.1 BDMA aims to further expand its services in partnership with the local community and government representatives.
8.2 Future priorities include recruiting additional volunteers and members to strengthen and broaden community initiatives.
8.3 BDMA is working with local authorities and community organisations to expand prayer services and general community activities, including arrangements for Friday prayers.

9. Charity's Reserves Policy

BDMA reviews its working capital regularly to ensure sufficient funds are available and takes necessary actions where required.

10. Public Benefit Statement

The trustees confirm that they have complied with their duty to have due regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit when exercising their powers and duties.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:

Signed: _____

Date: 26/08/2026

Name: *Atiqur Rahman (Chair)*



Independent Examiner's Report

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of Barking and Dagenham Muslim Association (BDMA)

On accounts for the year ended 31-Oct-25 **Charity no (if any)** 1201033

Set out on pages 10 to 12

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:
   - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
   - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act

   have not been met; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:  **Date:** 26/08/2026

Name: Salik Zahid

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any): Chartered Institute of Public Finance & Accountancy (CIPFA)
Membership no 23915

Address: SZ Accounting & Tax Services Limited
12 Morris Street
E1 2NP

Section B Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material problems.

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

None



Receipts and payments accounts



Barking and Dagenham Muslim Association (BDMA)

Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date: 01/11/2024	To	Period end date: 31/10/2025

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Online Donation	931	-	-	931	3,299
Event Collections	22,909	-	-	22,909	16,719
Other Income	353	-	-	353	1,865
		-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	
Sub total *(Gross income for AR)*	24,193	-	-	24,193	21,883
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	24,193	-	-	24,193	21,883
A3 Payments					
Accountant Fee	-	-	-	-	-
Equipemnt and Supplies	-	-	-	-	-
Other Costs	23,131	-	-	23,131	-
Event Expenses	-	-	-	-	15,030
Refreshment	-	-	-	-	-
Salary	-	-	-	-	-
Insurance	-	-	-	-	-
Rent	4,140	-	-	4,140	5,000
		-	-	-	-
Sub total	27,271	-	-	27,271	20,030
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	27,271	-	-	27,271	20,030
Net of receipts/(payments)	(3,078)	0	0	(3,078)	1,853
A5 Transfers between funds			-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	9,172	-	-	9,172	7,319
Cash funds this year end	6,095	-	-	6,095	9,172

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

B1 Cash funds

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
	Donations	6,095	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	6,095	-	-

B2 Other monetary assets

Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
None	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-

B3 Investment assets

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
None		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
Any equipments		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

B5 Liabilities

Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
None		-	
		-	
		-	
		-	
		-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
Likadir	SHAHJAHAN KADIR	26/08/2026
Kawsar	SHABBIR KAWSAR	26/08/2026

Notes to the accounts

1. Receipts & payments accounts

Receipts and payments accounts are statements that summarise the movement of cash into and out of the organisation during the financial year. In this context "cash" includes cash equivalents, for example, bank accounts where cash can be readily withdrawn to pay for debts as they become due.

2. Grants & Donations

The trust received no grant funding from any government or public sector bodies, and all receipts has been through donations.

3. Committee members' remuneration

During this period, a total of £0 was reimbursed to a committee member for travel expenses incurred.

4. Related party transactions

There has been no related party transaction during this financial period.

Report Ends