

JAMIA ISLAMIA (ISLAMIC STUDIES CENTRE) TRUST

Charity No. 517456

Company No.

Trustees' Report and Unaudited Accounts

31 March 2021

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JAMIA ISLAMIA (ISLAMIC STUDIES CENTRE) TRUST

Trustees Annual Report

The Trustees, who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the unaudited financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2021.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Company No.

Charity No. 517456

Registered Office

Hijaz College
Watling Street
Nuneaton
CV11 6BE

Directors and Trustees

The Directors of the charitable company are its Trustees for the purposes of charity law.

The following Directors and Trustees served during the year:

M. AWAN
A. Carrim
F. CHEDIE
F. HANNAN
T. ISHAQ
H. Kalla
I. KHAN
H.A. Shah
F.A. SIDDIQI
N.A. SIDDIQI
S. TAYYAB MBCHB

Accountants

EDGE CHARTERED CERTIFIED
ACCOUNTANTS
Electric Wharf
1 Generator Hall
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The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. The Trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The above report has been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime as set out in Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 and in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102).

JAMIA ISLAMIA (ISLAMIC STUDIES CENTRE) TRUST

Trustees Annual Report

Signed on behalf of the board



M. AWAN

Trustee

31 March 2021

JAMIA ISLAMIA (ISLAMIC STUDIES CENTRE) TRUST

Independent Examiners Report

Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of JAMIA ISLAMIA (ISLAMIC STUDIES CENTRE) TRUST

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of JAMIA ISLAMIA (ISLAMIC STUDIES CENTRE) TRUST for the year ended 31 March 2021 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Summary Income and Expenditure Account, the Balance Sheet, the Statement of Cash Flows and the related notes.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act).

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the charity are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

As the charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of .

I have completed my examination. I can confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 386 of the 2006 Act ; or
- the accounts do not accord with those records; or
- the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements under section 396 of the 2006 Act 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; or
- the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102).

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.

F. Nagda

EDGE CHARTERED CERTIFIED ACCOUNTANTS

Electric Wharf
1 Generator Hall

CV1 4JL
31 March 2021

JAMIA ISLAMIA (ISLAMIC STUDIES CENTRE) TRUST

Statement of Financial Activities

for the year ended 31 March 2021

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Restricted funds 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £	Total funds 2020 £
Income and endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	4	320,494	-	320,494	177,576
Charitable activities	5	22,029	-	22,029	32,817
Other trading activities	6	79,607	-	79,607	-
Investments	7	14,091	-	14,091	14,460
Total		436,221	-	436,221	224,853
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds	8	1,878	-	1,878	-
Charitable activities	9	18,343	-	18,343	-
Other	10	323,419	-	323,419	191,908
Total		343,640	-	343,640	191,908
Net gains on investments		-	-	-	-
Net income		92,581	-	92,581	32,945
Transfers between funds		62,580	30,000	92,580	-
Net income before other gains/(losses)		155,161	30,000	185,161	32,945
Other gains and losses					
Other (Losses)		(92,581)	-	(92,581)	(32,945)
Net movement in funds		62,580	30,000	92,580	-
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward		2,502,438	-	2,502,438	2,469,493
Total funds carried forward		2,565,018	30,000	2,595,018	2,469,493

JAMIA ISLAMIA (ISLAMIC STUDIES CENTRE) TRUST
Summary Income and Expenditure Account
for the year ended 31 March 2021

	2021	2020
	£	£
Income	422,130	224,853
Interest and investment income	14,091	-
Gross income for the year	<u>436,221</u>	<u>224,853</u>
Expenditure	320,551	191,908
Interest payable	23,089	-
Total expenditure for the year	<u>343,640</u>	<u>191,908</u>
Net income before tax for the year	92,581	32,945
Net income for the year	<u><u>92,581</u></u>	<u><u>32,945</u></u>

JAMIA ISLAMIA (ISLAMIC STUDIES CENTRE) TRUST**Balance Sheet**

at 31 March 2021

Company No.	Notes	2021 £	2020 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	12	3,125,250	3,115,000
		<u>3,125,250</u>	<u>3,115,000</u>
Current assets			
Cash at bank and in hand		121,421	65,691
		<u>121,421</u>	<u>65,691</u>
Creditors: Amount falling due within one year	13	(23,373)	(24,123)
Net current assets		<u>98,048</u>	<u>41,568</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		3,223,298	3,156,568
Creditors: Amounts falling due after more than one year	14	(628,280)	(654,130)
Net assets excluding pension asset or liability		<u>2,595,018</u>	<u>2,502,438</u>
Total net assets		<u><u>2,595,018</u></u>	<u><u>2,502,438</u></u>
The funds of the charity			
Restricted funds			
Restricted income funds	15	30,000	-
		<u>30,000</u>	<u>-</u>
Unrestricted funds			
General funds	15	1,402,413	1,402,413
Designated funds		62,580	-
		<u>1,464,993</u>	<u>1,402,413</u>
Reserves			
Revaluation reserve	15	1,100,025	1,100,025
		<u>1,100,025</u>	<u>1,100,025</u>
Total funds		<u><u>2,595,018</u></u>	<u><u>2,502,438</u></u>

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

For the year ended 31 March 2021 the company was entitled to exemption under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

JAMIA ISLAMIA (ISLAMIC STUDIES CENTRE) TRUST
Balance Sheet

Approved by the board on 31 March 2021

And signed on its behalf by:



M. AWAN

Trustee

31 March 2021

JAMIA ISLAMIA (ISLAMIC STUDIES CENTRE) TRUST**Statement of Cash flows**

for the year ended 31 March 2021

	2021	2020
	£	£
Cash flows from operating activities		
Net income per Statement of Financial Activities	92,580	32,945
Adjustments for:		
Dividends, interest and rents from investments	(14,091)	-
Net cash provided by operating activities	<u>78,489</u>	<u>32,945</u>
Cash flows from investing activities		
Dividends, interest and rents from investments	14,091	-
Net cash from investing activities	<u>14,091</u>	<u>-</u>
Cash flows from financing activities		
Repayment of borrowings	(26,600)	(33,708)
Net cash used in financing activities	<u>(26,600)</u>	<u>(33,708)</u>
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	65,980	(763)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year	65,691	66,454
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	<u>131,671</u>	<u>65,691</u>
Components of cash and cash equivalents		
Cash and bank balances	121,421	65,691
	<u>121,421</u>	<u>65,691</u>

1 Accounting policies

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

Change in basis of accounting or to previous accounts

There has been no change to the accounting policies (valuation rules and method of accounting) since last year and no changes have been made to accounts for previous years.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds These are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objects of the charity.

Designated funds These are unrestricted funds earmarked by the trustees for particular purposes.

Revaluation funds These are unrestricted funds which include a revaluation reserve representing the restatement of investment assets at their market values.

Restricted funds These are available for use subject to restrictions imposed by the donor or through terms of an appeal.

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Notes to the Accounts

Income

Recognition of income Income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when the charity becomes entitled to, and virtually certain to receive, the income and the amount of the income can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Income with related expenditure Where income has related expenditure the income and related expenditure is reported gross in the SoFA.

Donations and legacies Voluntary income received by way of grants, donations and gifts is included in the the SoFA when receivable and only when the Charity has unconditional entitlement to the income.

Tax reclaims on donations and gifts Income from tax reclaims is included in the SoFA at the same time as the gift/donation to which it relates.

Donated services and facilities These are only included in income (with an equivalent amount in expenditure) where the benefit to the Charity is reasonably quantifiable, measurable and material.

Volunteer help The value of any volunteer help received is not included in the accounts.

Investment income This is included in the accounts when receivable.

Gains/(losses) on revaluation of fixed assets This includes any gain or loss resulting from revaluing investments to market value at the end of the year.

Gains/(losses) on investment assets This includes any gain or loss on the sale of investments.

Expenditure

Recognition of expenditure Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered, and is reported as part of the expenditure to which it relates.

Expenditure on raising funds These comprise the costs associated with attracting voluntary income, fundraising trading costs and investment management costs.

Expenditure on charitable activities These comprise the costs incurred by the Charity in the delivery of its activities and services in the furtherance of its objects, including the making of grants and governance costs.

Grants payable All grant expenditure is accounted for on an actual paid basis plus an accrual for grants that have been approved by the trustees at the end of the year but not yet paid.

Governance costs These include those costs associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory requirements of the Charity, including any audit/independent examination fees, costs linked to the strategic management of the Charity, together with a share of other administration costs.

Other expenditure These are support costs not allocated to a particular activity.

Notes to the Accounts

Taxati

on

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Freehold investment property

Investment properties are measured initially at cost and subsequently at fair value at each balance sheet date and are not depreciated. All gains or losses are taken to the Statement of Financial Activities as they arise.

Stocks

Stock is included at the lower of cost or net realisable value. Donated items of stock are recognised at fair value which is the amount the charity would have been willing to pay for the items on the open market.

Trade and other debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash at bank and on hand, demand deposits with banks and other short-term highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less and bank overdrafts. In the statement of financial position, bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings or current liabilities. In the Statement of Cash Flows, cash and cash equivalents are shown net of bank overdrafts that are repayable on demand and form an integral part of the company's cash management.

Trade and other creditors

Short term creditors are measured at the transaction price. Other creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

Research and development

Expenditure on research and development is written off in the year in which it is incurred.

Foreign currencies

Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in currencies other than the functional currency of the charity are translated at the rates of exchange prevailing at the end of the reporting period.

Transactions in currencies other than the functional currency of the charity are recorded at the rate of exchange on the date that the transaction occurred.

All exchange differences are taken into account in arriving at net income/expenditure.

Notes to the Accounts

Leased assets

Where the charity enters into a lease which entails taking substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership of an asset, the lease is treated as a finance lease.

Leases which do not transfer substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership to charity are classified as operating leases.

Assets held under finance leases are initially recognised as assets of the charity at their fair value at the inception of the lease or, if lower, at the present value of the minimum lease payments. The corresponding liability to the lessor is included in the balance sheet date as a finance lease obligation. Lease payments are apportioned between finance expenses and reduction of the lease obligation so as to achieve a constant rate of interest on the remaining balance of the liability. Finance expenses are recognised immediately, unless they are directly attributable to qualifying assets, in which case they are capitalised in accordance with the charity's policy on borrowing costs.

Assets held under finance leases are depreciated in the same way as owned assets.

Operating lease payments are recognised as an expense on a straight-line basis over the lease term. In the event that lease incentives are received to enter into operating leases, such incentives are recognised as a liability. The aggregate benefit of incentives is recognised as a reduction of rental expense on a straight-line basis.

Pension costs

The charity operates a defined contribution plan for its employees. A defined contribution plan is a pension plan under which the company pays fixed contributions into a separate entity. Once the contributions have been paid the company has no further payments obligations. The contributions are recognised as expenses when they fall due. Amounts not paid are shown in accruals in the balance sheet. The assets of the plan are held separately from the company in independently administered funds.

Receipt of donated goods, facilities and services

All donated goods, facilities and services received are recognised within incoming resources and expenditure at an estimate of the value to the charity.

2 Company status

The company is a private company limited by guarantee and consequently does not have share capital.

3 Statement of Financial Activities - prior year

	Unrestricted funds 2020 £	Total funds 2020 £
Income and endowments from:		
Donations and legacies	224,853	224,853
Total	<u>224,853</u>	<u>224,853</u>
Expenditure on:		
Other	191,908	191,908
Total	<u>191,908</u>	<u>191,908</u>
Net income	<u>32,945</u>	<u>32,945</u>
Transfers between funds	32,945	32,945
Net income before other gains/(losses)	<u>65,890</u>	<u>65,890</u>
Other gains and losses:		
Other Gains	(32,945)	(32,945)
Net movement in funds	<u>32,945</u>	<u>32,945</u>
Reconciliation of funds:		
Total funds brought forward	2,469,493	2,469,493
Total funds carried forward	<u><u>2,502,438</u></u>	<u><u>2,502,438</u></u>

4 Income from donations and legacies

Unrestricted £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
320,494	320,494	177,576
<u>320,494</u>	<u>320,494</u>	<u>177,576</u>

5 Income from charitable activities

Unrestricted £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
22,029	22,029	32,817
<u>22,029</u>	<u>22,029</u>	<u>32,817</u>

6 Income from other trading activities

Unrestricted	Total 2021	Total 2020
£	£	£
79,607	79,607	-
<u>79,607</u>	<u>79,607</u>	<u>-</u>

7 Income from investments

Unrestricted	Total 2021	Total 2020
£	£	£
14,091	14,091	14,460
<u>14,091</u>	<u>14,091</u>	<u>14,460</u>

8 Expenditure on raising funds

*Investment
management costs*

Unrestricted	Total 2021	Total 2020
£	£	£
1,878	1,878	-
<u>1,878</u>	<u>1,878</u>	<u>-</u>

9 Expenditure on charitable activities

*Expenditure on
charitable activities*

Governance costs

Unrestricted	Total 2021	Total 2020
£	£	£
18,220	18,220	-
123	123	-
<u>18,343</u>	<u>18,343</u>	<u>-</u>

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Notes to the Accounts

10 Other expenditure

	Unrestricted	Total	Total
		2021	2020
	£	£	£
	196,022	196,022	-
Bank loan and overdraft interest payable	23,089	23,089	-
Employee costs	10,828	10,828	1,650
Motor and travel costs	576	576	600
Premises costs	67,604	67,604	153,748
General administrative costs	15,900	15,900	16,147
Legal and professional costs	9,400	9,400	19,763
	<u>323,419</u>	<u>323,419</u>	<u>191,908</u>

11 Staff costs

Salaries and wages	10,828	1,650
	<u>10,828</u>	<u>1,650</u>

No employee received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

12 Tangible fixed assets

	£	£	£
Cost or revaluation			
At 1 April 2020	3,115,000	10,250	3,125,250
At 31 March 2021	<u>3,115,000</u>	<u>10,250</u>	<u>3,125,250</u>
Net book values			
At 31 March 2021	<u>3,115,000</u>	<u>10,250</u>	<u>3,125,250</u>
At 31 March 2020	<u>3,115,000</u>	<u>10,250</u>	<u>3,125,250</u>

13 Creditors:

amounts falling due within one year

	2021	2020
	£	£
Trade creditors	23,373	24,123
	<u>23,373</u>	<u>24,123</u>

14 Creditors:

amounts falling due after more than one year

	2021	2020
	£	£
Bank loans and overdrafts	257,413	223,013
Other loans	370,117	431,117
Other creditors	750	-
	<u>628,280</u>	<u>654,130</u>

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Notes to the Accounts

15 Movement in funds

	At 1 April 2020	Incoming resources (including other gains/losses) £	Resources expended £	Gross transfers £	At 31 March 2021 £
Restricted funds:					
Restricted income funds:					
	-	-	-	30,000	30,000
<i>Total</i>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>30,000</u>	<u>30,000</u>
Unrestricted funds:					
General funds	1,402,413	343,640	(343,640)	-	1,402,413
Designated funds:					
	-	-	-	62,580	62,580
<i>Total</i>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>62,580</u>	<u>62,580</u>
Revaluation Reserves:					
Revaluation fund	1,100,025	-			1,100,025
<i>Total revaluation reserves</i>	<u>1,100,025</u>	<u>-</u>			<u>1,100,025</u>
Total funds	<u>2,502,438</u>	<u>343,640</u>	<u>(343,640)</u>	<u>92,580</u>	<u>2,595,018</u>

Purposes and restrictions in relation to the funds:

Revaluation reserves Represent the amount by which investments exceed their historical cost.

16 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total £
Fixed assets	3,115,000	10,250	3,125,250
Net current assets	121,421	(23,373)	98,048
Creditors due in more than one year and provisions	(750)	(627,530)	(628,280)
	<u>3,235,671</u>	<u>(640,653)</u>	<u>2,595,018</u>

17 Reconciliation of net debt

	At 1 April 2020	Cash flows	At 31 March 2021
	£	£	£
Cash and cash equivalents	65,691	55,730	121,421
	<u>65,691</u>	<u>55,730</u>	<u>121,421</u>
Borrowings	(431,117)	61,000	(370,117)
Bank loans	(223,013)	(34,400)	(257,413)
	<u>(654,130)</u>	<u>26,600</u>	<u>(627,530)</u>
Net debt	<u>(588,439)</u>	<u>82,330</u>	<u>(506,109)</u>

18 Related party disclosures

Controlling party

The company is limited by guarantee and has no share capital; thus no single party controls the company.

JAMIA ISLAMIA (ISLAMIC STUDIES CENTRE) TRUST

Detailed Statement of Financial Activities

for the year ended 31 March 2021

	Unrestrict ed funds 2021 £	Restricted funds 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £	Total funds 2020 £
Income and endowments from:				
Donations and legacies	320,494	-	320,494	177,576
	<u>320,494</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>320,494</u>	<u>177,576</u>
Charitable activities	22,029	-	22,029	32,817
	<u>22,029</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>22,029</u>	<u>32,817</u>
Other trading activities	79,607	-	79,607	-
	<u>79,607</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>79,607</u>	<u>-</u>
Investments	14,091	-	14,091	14,460
	<u>14,091</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>14,091</u>	<u>14,460</u>
Total income and endowments	436,221	-	436,221	224,853
Expenditure on:				
Investment management costs	1,878	-	1,878	-
	<u>1,878</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,878</u>	<u>-</u>
Total of expenditure on raising funds	1,878	-	1,878	-
Charitable activities	18,220	-	18,220	-
	<u>18,220</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>18,220</u>	<u>-</u>
Governance costs	123	-	123	-
	<u>123</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>123</u>	<u>-</u>
Total of expenditure on charitable activities	18,343	-	18,343	-
Other expenditure	196,022	-	196,022	-
Bank loan and overdraft interest payable	23,089	-	23,089	-
	<u>219,111</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>219,111</u>	<u>-</u>
Employee costs	10,828	-	10,828	1,650
Salaries/wages	<u>10,828</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>10,828</u>	<u>1,650</u>
Motor and travel costs	576	-	576	600
Travel and subsistence	<u>576</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>576</u>	<u>600</u>

JAMIA ISLAMIA (ISLAMIC STUDIES CENTRE) TRUST**Detailed Statement of Financial Activities**

	576	-	576	600
Premises costs				
Rates	8,210	-	8,210	34,344
Light, heat and power	58,526	-	58,526	54,111
Other premises costs	868	-	868	65,293
	<u>67,604</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>67,604</u>	<u>153,748</u>
General administrative costs, including depreciation and amortisation				
Bank charges	5,216	-	5,216	7,312
General insurances	752	-	752	1,179
Stationery and printing	278	-	278	654
Sundry expenses	8,425	-	8,425	6,077
Telephone, fax and broadband	1,229	-	1,229	925
	<u>15,900</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>15,900</u>	<u>16,147</u>
Legal and professional costs				
Audit/Independent examination fees	7,146	-	7,146	-
Accountancy and bookkeeping	1,280	-	1,280	750
Consultancy fees	-	-	-	1,290
Solicitor's fees	-	-	-	410
Other legal and professional costs	974	-	974	17,313
	<u>9,400</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>9,400</u>	<u>19,763</u>
Total of expenditure of other costs	<u>323,419</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>323,419</u>	<u>191,908</u>
Total expenditure	<u>343,640</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>343,640</u>	<u>191,908</u>
Net gains on investments	-	-	-	-
	<u>92,581</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>92,581</u>	<u>32,945</u>
Net income	<u>92,581</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>92,581</u>	<u>32,945</u>
Transfers between funds	62,580	30,000	92,580	32,945
Net income before other gains/(losses)	<u>155,161</u>	<u>30,000</u>	<u>185,161</u>	<u>65,890</u>
Other (Losses)	(92,581)	-	(92,581)	(32,945)
	<u>62,580</u>	<u>30,000</u>	<u>92,580</u>	<u>32,945</u>
Net movement in funds	<u>62,580</u>	<u>30,000</u>	<u>92,580</u>	<u>32,945</u>
Reconciliation of funds:				
Total funds brought forward	2,502,438	-	2,502,438	2,469,493
Total funds carried forward	<u>2,565,018</u>	<u>30,000</u>	<u>2,595,018</u>	<u>2,502,438</u>

Report of the trustees for the year ending 31st March 2021

The trustees are pleased to present their Annual Report together with the financial statements of the Trust for the year ending 31st March 2021.

Hijaz is distinct as a public site in Europe offering not only a place of worship, education and reflection, but it also enriches visitors with the first-hand experience of being amongst Muslims who wish to better both themselves and society in their day to day lives. The introduction this year of the playing of the noble Quran 24 hours a day, 7 days a week has been a welcome transformation for the grounds, making it a true sanctuary.

Existing beneficiaries enjoy the benefits of visiting the grounds for many personal and educational reasons. Visitors from out-reach projects and mentees have been inspired and educated by the platform to witness and engage with a living, breathing Islamic lifestyle that exists in Hijaz. Both children and adults alike have enjoyed being able to witness the daily practices of Muslim life, not in a virtual or artificial manner, but in a truly first-hand, experiential way. Attendees of the annual Blessed Summit, away days, monthly spiritual gatherings have all given resounding feedback of the enrichment and inspiration the unique site offers. Visitors of the Garden of Blessings graveyard and Jummah attendees have also shared similar positive experiences. Many have shown enthusiasm about the prospect of returning with friends, colleagues and peers to allow people to experience true Islam. The Trust has is pleased by the direction its New Business Plan is taking and looks forward to implementing away days for people of all ages and backgrounds to have an inspiring and educational experience in Hijaz.

The Trust looks forward to maximising on the attractive, unique qualities offered in the grounds at Hijaz: Europe's first Mausoleum; a modernised, multi-use Mosque; a private Muslim graveyard; and reflection. In keeping with its evolving New Business Plan, the Trust is looking forward to welcoming a wider demographic than it has done in the past and provide taster days to all who wish to learn about Islam. The charity is excited about the opportunity that widening our demographic will offer: to educate people about the fundamentals of an Islamic spiritual way of life and the chance to dispel myths and miseducation about the religion.

Hijaz has continued to hold regular spiritual gatherings which have often taken an online forum during the national lockdown, and been enriching for both local and national volunteers of the Trust and the wider public. Bespoke guidance and counsel and advice continue to be held through spiritual surgeries and the forums of arbitration. Mentoring has expanded to the youth programme of the older children of many volunteers, as well as continued with people of a various backgrounds from the wider public.

The Trust is heartened by the resounding success of our annual Blessed Summit, which focussed on Mental Health and Islamic Solutions. The event explored important areas of mental health for all members of society and addressed the current crisis, whilst attempting to dispel the myths around mental health. The feedback from our diverse audience was extraordinary, as beneficiaries commented on the social and personal relevance of some of the themes explored, and how informative the presentations were. Practical tips and advice reinforced by Islamic literature and teachings were at the forefront of the expositions, as well as important organisations and helplines beneficiaries could use if they encounter mental health issues and needed to reach out.

The Trust continues to respond with solidarity to the unprecedented crisis of the Coronavirus pandemic. The Trust continues to put the interest and safety of the public first and has acted with great caution to ensure this. Throughout the months, during the national lockdown, activities were suspended or altered accordingly. Restricting access to the sanctuary of Hijaz during the peak of the spread of the Coronavirus sent an important message to beneficiaries and visitors alike to take serious measures for the protection of themselves, their families and the whole of society. The Trust is revisiting and adapting to the needs of social distancing requirements, and looks forward to preparing the grounds and re-welcoming people from all walks of life into Hijaz's spiritual sanctuary for much needed enrichment when it will be safe to do so.

The Trust welcomes opportunities to support local partners, including our cherished NHS hospitals and GPs during this crisis. The Charity looks forward to deepening ties with Leicestershire County Council and other national services to improve not only the health and safety of our fellow human beings but also their overall wellbeing. We continue to have similar positive communications with religious and community leaders in the local community and surrounding areas.

We are pleased to have continued our outreach within the local community of Leicestershire and Warwickshire. Our young volunteers received a welcoming response from our local Leicestershire community who received our gifts of food packages after spiritual gatherings.

On behalf of the Trust, I would like to express gratitude and appreciation to our donors, volunteers and beneficiaries who continue to support our projects and the development of our service to all of society.

Secretary's Report



Mujib Awan
Secretary

Our purposes and activities

Jamia Islamia (Islamic Studies Centre) Trust, known as “Hijaz College”, has been serving the community for over three decades and has built unique partnerships within the British Muslim community. Its core values have always been centred on Education, Society and Spirituality.

Mission Statement

Offering Islamic spiritual and academic education and mentoring for Muslims in the U.K., and strengthening their ethical religious and social values and citizenship.

The key purposes of the Trust are:

- to promote advancement of the religion of Islam
- the advancement of education of the Muslim children and adults
- the teaching of Arabic and other languages
- such other charitable means as the Trustees shall see fit.

The trustees have developed a Business Plan to implement its objectives by:

- Providing Islamic Education to meet the modern needs of Muslims
- Enriching society through community service and grassroots initiatives
- Empowering individuals and groups to serve the needs of their own communities
- Providing Islamic services to the British Muslims that enhance their lives as British Citizens.
- Promoting Islamic Spirituality, Dynamic Thinking and Personal Development through all projects and initiatives
- Contributing to social harmony in the United Kingdom through implementation of the universal principles of Islam

The following projects are being utilized to achieve the Trust's aims and objectives:

Hijaz College

Medina Youth Programme

This year Hijaz has introduced a key arm to its education, and saw the inauguration of a formalised tutelage programme for young Muslim children. The Medina Youth Programme is a comprehensive introduction to essential Islamic subjects.

Background

The character building and learning from the Hijazi STARs and Fun Factory has proven to be popular, and it brought the community together for key events. In recent years, however, with the development and growth of young families amongst our patrons, there became a growing need arose to educate their children in the essentials of Islamic understanding. Since the winter of 2019, a qualified Alim and respected Islamic teacher within the community, and a former graduate of Hijaz College, began training the children of local volunteers and beneficiaries in reading Quranic Arabic. This evolved into lessons on broader and more academic subjects, which are taught comprehensively at a simplified and digestible elementary level.

Medina Youth

In the summer of 2020, the initial pilot group of 11 local children, or Class 1 of Medina Youth Group, began receiving lessons on Hadith. Due to the pandemic, the lessons were taught online, and this broadened the scope to be able to offer the tutelage to benefactors nationwide. The possibility of the wider reach and popularity that the course gleaned from children and parents meant that a second class of 17 slightly older, primary-aged children was formed in June 2020. A third class of approximately 20 children aged as young as 5 years old are looking to be introduced in the summer of 2021.

The subjects covered so far have been Hadith (Prophetic examples and sayings), and the summer of 2021 will include the study of Fiqh (Islamic Law) and Seerah (history of the last and final Prophet Muhammad ﷺ). The classes are held 4 times a week on zoom, and accumulate in regular quizzes to assess their progress. The Trust saw the benefit of consolidating the resources for the studies and employing the volunteer who provides regular sessions to classes of almost 60 children, which continues to gain in popularity and expand the knowledge of its attendees.

It is the hope of the Trust that these young children will be empowered by a firm understanding of the cornerstones of Islam and widen their perception of the relevance of Islam in their daily lives.

Hijazi STARS

The '*Hijazi STARS*' is a youth club for over 12s to young adults with the additional opportunity for more bespoke education and training in various community projects. The Hijazi STARS often volunteer with events, helping them run smoothly and are usually involved with the planning and implementation of children's activities.

The older members of Hijazi STARS faced unprecedented challenges to their education at key moments, which affected their GCSE and A Level grades. The group had weekly online mentoring sessions served as a way in which to motivate and check in on our benefactors during the difficult time. The platform was used to address the challenges head on and to explore the science, as well as the social, physical and mental effects of the Coronavirus and looked at pandemics throughout history. Most importantly, they developed an understanding of the Islamic approach to dealing with pandemics and illnesses.

At times when social distancing rules and lockdown had eased, the youth group planned and organised some educational role play and activities aimed at the younger children in 'Fun Factory' teaching them about forming healthy relationships with family and friends.

The Hijazi STARS also continued with their exploration of Tarbiyya (character building) topics and social contemporary issues, and talked about ways in which to come together during times of crises and their appreciation of front-line workers. Other topics included the environment, climate change, gender, identity and the birth of holy Prophet Muhammad ﷺ.

The children who attended the Fun Factory transitioned into the attendees of Medina Youth Programme. It is the hope that we can resume providing fun, Islamic based activities for younger children from the ages of three and above in the future.

Educational events

Education continues to be delivered through monthly gatherings to allow more people to benefit from a deeper understanding of Islam and its teachings. Due to the pandemic, many Friday Jummah sermons and monthly gatherings were hosted online via zoom. The following educational programmes were organised by Hijaz College organised:

1. Teaching of Islamic texts were moved onto an online teaching platform due to social distancing. In the last year, the subjects involved the following courses:

- i. ***Ash Shifa of Qadi 'Iyad (RA)***

(Healing by the Recognition of the Rights of the Chosen One) Guided reading of a famous, comprehensive overview of the life, characteristics and miracles of holy Prophet Muhammad ﷺ. This was a weekly class, which commenced at the end of 2019 and finished in November 2020, taught via Zoom and had an average of 70 participants. The recordings were made available for anyone who missed a session and the number of listens was over 600.

- ii. **Surah Yasin**

(Translation and Tafseer) A short course going through the translation and wider meanings of the chapter known as the 'heart of the noble Quran', which began during Ramadan (May 2020) and concluded shortly after. This proved to be a very popular online course, also taught over Zoom, with almost 100 regular attendees. The recordings were made available for anyone who missed a session and these recorded audio lessons reached an audience of over 2,200. At a time when mosque attendance and Tarawih prayers were not permissible, during the national lockdown, a way to come together as a Muslim community and feed the mind and soul was provided through this avenue.

- iii. ***Muhammad ﷺ the Perfect Man*** by Sayyid Muhammad Ibn Alawi Al-Maliki Al-Hasani

In January 2021, the guided reading and study of the Perfect Man was began via Zoom on a weekly basis. This was envisaged to continue until the winter of December 2021 and the recordings have had almost 400 listens to date.

2. Weekly Dhikr (Remembrance of God) with short Dars e Quran

Weekly spiritual gatherings of congregational dhikr used to be held every Friday in Hijaz and mosques at other localities, including Birmingham, Watford, Huddersfield, Northampton and Bradford. Since the need for social distanced online spiritual gatherings, the opportunity was taken to replace the separate dhikr gatherings to a unified online space to participate in spiritual worship together. This gathering of Dhikr became an opportunity to for intellectual stimulation and education as well as nourishment for the soul, and the traditional Dars e Quran with a qualified alim was introduced. During this short programme, the scholar goes through key verses and chapters in the noble Quran and gives short translations and explanations.

3. Community gatherings

The national lockdown and need for social distancing meant that the local community was not able to gather on a monthly basis for an evening of education, worship and dinner. Instead, key events were delivered online and livestreamed to all, including: the Mawlid-un-Nabi (Celebration of the birth of holy Prophet Muhammad ﷺ)

The two Eids, Eid-ul-Fitr and Eid-ul-Adha, were celebrated in spirit and limited to only the household of residents on site during the first and second occasion. The same small gatherings of one household marked other solemn and auspicious dates in the Islamic calendar, including the Night of Ascension and the Night of Forgiveness. As both Eids took place during the summer of 2020, both Eid prayers took place outside in accordance with social distancing rules at the time.

On occasions, food was distributed to the local congregation during some evenings in Ramadan and on Eid in order to boost morale and share in the spirit of these religious occasions.

4. Friday Jummah Sermons

- i. At the start of the financial year, the nation was in full lockdown, and in order to maintain some social and religious normality, the Trust introduced livestreamed Zoom Jummah Sermons from April to June 2021. These online Jummah sermons were 30 minute to rejuvenate and bring hope to the local congregation, to understand the magnitude of the pandemic and provide piece of mind, reassurance and encouragement. Whilst online participants were not able to pray jummah prayer together, each sermon concluded with collective dua (spoken prayer).

- ii. After lockdown lifted, the Hijaz Mosque re-opened and weekly 30 minute speeches resumed and included short lessons on a range of topics, including:
1. Importance of and Etiquette of the Mosque
 2. Society and relationships in Islam, including: Family, friendships, neighbours and the community
 3. Importance of Friends of God
 4. Significant dates of the Islamic calendar and their relevance, including:
 - significant events in the noble Prophet's lifetime including trials, joyous occasions and social change;
 - the stories of important Islamic personalities and saints;
 - the teachings of key Islamic figures;
 - Islamic philosophy and ethics
 - key events in Islamic history and their relevance today

Spiritual Surgery and Mentoring

Surgery time with Shaykh Faiz Siddiqi continues to be offered to members of Hijaz Community and the wider public on a regular basis. This allows the public to ask questions about the Islamic faith, spirituality, and their personal affairs. Where necessary, bespoke guidance has been provided to assist with marital or family disputes, business disagreements to offer advice and resolutions. It is a true asset to the trust that the Shaykh is a qualified Islamic scholar and commercial barrister, and therefore able to offer a holistic and informed perspective on matters pertaining to both Islamic law and also the English legal system.

In keeping with centralising our inimitable services to our main site, spiritual surgeries have been held in Hijaz. We continue to hold surgery prior to the national events usually held in the evening. This way we have still been able to offer the general and bespoke mentoring by members of Hijaz Community.

Occasionally, when government regulations and weather permitted, outdoor surgery sessions were held during the summer by Shaykh Siddiqi. Bespoke guidance was otherwise offered mainly via telephone and email since the beginning of the national lockdown.

Visitors benefitted from both the Shaykh's and Hijaz Community mentors' methodical guidance as well as the spiritual benefits of spending time on-site for reflection, worship and spiritual blessings.

Blessed Summit

The Blessed Summit is an annual national weekend programme that takes place in Hijaz in Nuneaton every summer. It is a free event, which several hundreds of people attend including local volunteers, friends, family and people who have experienced or engaged with the Trust's projects. The Blessed Summit continues to be a popular event which allows volunteers from around the country and locally to gather and attend collective worship as well as reflect on relevant issues, usually relating to the theme of the event.

For the first time in its 25 year history, the Blessed Summit was held as an entirely online event. The decision to live-stream the annual event over the course of the intended weekend was made by the Trust to ensure social distancing and government guidelines could be properly implemented in response to the Covid 19 Pandemic. The Trust ensured the safety of our patrons whom would usually come together from across the United Kingdom and designed the online programme so that they could enjoy participating in all aspects of the event from the safety of their homes – with the exception of enjoying the blessed food!

The theme of this year's Blessed Summit was Mental Health, and the online event included 21 speeches over the course of the 3 days, which required more minute planning of both the content, delivery and technical aspects of the pre-recorded videos. Muslim communities suffer from a taboo of not confronting psychological struggles in a practical and constructive way. Too often, families (especially those from a Muslim background) trivialise serious mental health illnesses, or make up their own false diagnosis of the person who is suffering from a serious illness as being possessed by spirits or jinns. This can lead to extremely dangerous consequences for those suffering from specific conditions and prevents them from accessing the help they really need. The Trust felt it was important to tackle these issues and dismantle misconceptions within the community. Therefore, many topics were presented by Muslim volunteers from the community, whom are health professionals, including GPs, a dentist, a dietitian and nurse whom all have worked within the NHS and encountered many of these issues first-hand.

Some of the key topics addressed Men's Mental Health, Women's Mental Health, Addictions, Stress Anxiety and Depression, Relationship with food and eating disorders; other presentations looked at how Muslims can regulate their mental health through Islamic practices and spirituality. We also invited guest speakers to give insight into the issue of mental health nationally; these included:

- **Dr Rosena Allin-Khan MP**, Shadow Minister for Mental Health who is an A&E Doctor, she gave an interview on Mental Health in Communities and Building Bridges
- **Neil Carr OBE**, the Chief Executive of Midlands Partnership NHS Foundation Trust, who gave an informative presentation on the Challenges in Providing Mental Health Care
- **Dr Rene Keet**, EUCOMS & Director Community, Chair of the European Community Mental Health Service Providers, who spoke on the wider frame of Mental Health in Europe

Hijaz emphasised the need to incorporate practices already existing within the Islamic tradition which bring stability and equilibrium to a person's mind and soul. The imperative to treat mental illness seriously, to remove the stigma attached to anyone who suffers bouts of mental illness, and to become more aware of the impact of mental illness within our communities was imparted.

The stimulation of the mind and the spirit was provided in the online event, and all the collective worship, including the ceremonial inauguration of the weekend and cumulative Dhikr and final prayer at the end were livestreamed as they occurred, allowing people to participate and reap the spiritual benefits from the safety of their homes. In total, the number of people who participated, including the limited numbers on the grounds and those watching from home was approximately 1,200.

Due to social distancing and to err on the side of caution with the global pandemic, some of the usual activities, including preparation of flower garlands and children's activities, were cancelled. However, families of all ages participated, and children participated in a Kahoot quiz, with its theme on mental health. This quiz was designed and hosted by members of the Hijaz STARs, and was a resounding success.

Participants commented on how the whole programme offered a fantastic opportunity for families to be involved at a variety of ages, and created a sense of togetherness and comradeship during these unusual and challenging times. The Trust has taken on board the learning and feedback from this year's programme and will endeavour to deliver improved community programmes through livestreaming.

Muslim Arbitration Tribunal (MAT)

- The Muslim Arbitration Tribunal is a legal service providing a viable alternative to the Muslim Community for dispute resolution based on Islamic Sacred Law. The service mostly deals with family disputes and has a specialist service for forced marriages.
- MAT is able to offer a panel including both qualified lawyers and judges, and respected Islamic Scholars. The Trust's unique access to both the legal professional community and Islamic scholars and women solicitors allows this unique combination on our panels.

MAT has served to resolve disputes in various settings over the last year, including legal, commercial, and inter-personal.

MAT is pleased to be one of the few forums available to women, assisting them to dissolve their marriages where husbands have withheld divorce from them for a prolonged period. Hijaz has recognised for many years the cultural problem of forced marriages, and women in vulnerable and oppressive circumstances. MAT provides resolutions for such difficult disputes in an open, non-judgmental and safe environment.

The Trust is pleased to report that we have been able to directly assist 13 couples in finding resolutions to their disputes through our arbitration service, mainly marital resolutions. We have had numerous enquiries to MAT for assistance with marriage disputes, which indicates the need to support Muslims at a greater scale.

Garden of Blessings

The Garden of Blessings is an exclusive Muslim burial ground located in Hijaz Manor. It provides a private burial site for Muslims who wish to visit their relatives in a place connected and devoted to promoting the core values of Islam. The Garden of Blessings also provides income for the Trust.

- In May, an outdoor PA system was installed within the Mausoleum with speakers in the graveyards, playing the Holy Quran 24 hours a day. There are six speakers in total placed around different parts of the Garden of Blessings area and Mausoleum. This has transformed the atmosphere within not only the graveyard area, but the wider Hijaz grounds, bringing serenity and spirituality to anyone who visits. The introduction of the outdoor PA system also allows for appropriate social distancing during collective prayers which are made at the Mausoleum, with only one or two members performing the prayers inside into the microphone, whilst the congregation has ample space outside to listen in and join at a safe distance.
- There has been a surge in the demand for graves amongst our Muslim communities in the Birmingham and Coventry area and this has led to a large increase in the number of burials and graves reserved this year. Over 50 burials and reservations for graves took place in 2019-2020, taking the total occupancy to almost 100.
- The graveyard continued to serve as a central focal point for visitation during the auspicious occasions of Eid ul Fitr, Eid ul Adha, Eid ul Jummah and the Night of Meraaj worship and remembrance programme.

Garden of Blessings offered funeral services at a time of great need at the beginning of the pandemic, and since then it has partnered with other Muslim places of worships and funeral services to facilitate Muslim families in burying their loved ones quickly and with dignity. The Trust undertook the service of professional funeral directors in Birmingham and individuals who could offer bespoke pastoral care and assist in the running of burials, particularly when they were close together. The professional fees were almost £12,000, and were a worthwhile investment to deliver a much needed support system to bereaved families and their loved ones. The Trust also benefited from the support of volunteers who offered practical and emotional support to bereaved families.

An increased number of burials per day and week (during particularly busy periods) also required an investment into upgraded equipment used by the Garden of Blessings. The Trust took the decision to purchase a metal hydraulic frame to assist with the lowering of coffins into their graves and a new digger to facilitate more expedient burials robust against all weather conditions. In total this year investment into the Garden of Blessings was a little over £33,000, which included external

services, new equipment and supplies: a small cost for the honour of serving the Muslim community throughout an unprecedented time.

Jamia Islamia Property Estate & Renovation

As planned, extensive renovation and improvements of the Hijaz grounds have begun. A full breakdown of expenditure on renovation, maintenance and repairs is shown below.

COST CENTRE	01.04.20 - 31.03.21
1. WUDHU KHANA	£ 23,427.49
2. MAIN BUILDING OFFICES	£ 34,721.29
3. RESIDENCE BLOCK NEW B	£ 740.00
4. RESIDENCE BLOCK C	£ 28,251.91
5. RESIDENCE MB	£ 13,523.23
6. RESIDENCE HOUSES	£ 240.00
7. SEWERAGE/SEPTIC TANK	£ 62,832.02
8. SITE ROADS/LANDSCAPING	£ 20,647.01
9. GOB	£ 8,169.27
10. JI STONEY STANTON RD	£ 3,064.29
	£195,616.51

There has been renovation of the main building to convert the former classrooms into offices. The roof of the 18th century building has required thorough repairs after several years of patchwork repairs from leaks of previous years. Much effort has gone into restoring the architrave panelling in the main hall and reception area, which we hope will both preserve the character of the building and provide a beautiful setting when we host visitors from all backgrounds to explore and learn about Islam.

The Trust ensured a much needed upgrade to the sewerage system in Hijaz, which had a cost of over £60,000, with the lion's share of this investment going towards a new septic tank. Great savings were made in the installation of this new system, as a team of volunteers that are members of the Charity offered their professional services as architects and engineers at no cost.

A full-time groundsman was employed in the winter of 2020 in order to undertake the landscaping and maintenance of the gardens, including the tidying of the graveyard and other public areas. This has done much to improve the aesthetic appeal of the green space outside. Many visitors have commented on the streamlined appearance of the gardens outside the Mausoleum; the cleared pathways and the well maintained grass area in the Garden of Blessings graveyard. Investment has been made on both the purchase and maintenance of machinery and equipment to assist in tidying the public areas. The plan is to improve the orchard area next year to make it more accessible and family-friendly, as brambles and uneven grounds make it difficult to reach at present.

An investment of almost £6,000 has gone into obtaining the planning permission to further the Trust's aspirations for making Hijaz a comfortable retreat for spiritual and religious contemplation. Further spending is forecasted in the next financial years when aspects of these plans are implemented and built.

A new flat was built in the second floor of the block of flats assigned to accommodation for families of volunteers and staff dedicated to the Trust's objectives. This was necessary to house the growing families of members whose families were making sacrifices by living in small quarters; the Trust recognised that the expansion of their families necessarily meant providing expanded living quarters. The rental income and utility payments continue to bring a healthy income for the Charity and continue to help cover the costs of public and communal amenities on the grounds.

The flats in the old Jamia Islamia building in Coventry continue to bring revenue through rental income. They remain under regular review and were placed on the market, but investors and potential buyers have indicated preferences for flats of a different layout. The Board remains open to selling some of this property to reduce the repayments on the bank loan, and in the meantime is looking to maximise the occupancy of current flats to generate further instalments on the bank loan and further income for the charity. In this regard, the Trust has continued to make repairs, maintenance and updating of fixtures after wear and tear on the flats. The Trust continues to receive a healthy rental income from residents living on the grounds, and therefore has continued to invest in maintenance and improvements of the flats and houses.

As with many of the works, the Trust is very grateful to the dedicated team of volunteers whom have provided professional services of architectural planning, supervision and works that allowed for these developments free of charge, thus saving the charity a significant sum.

Mosque

Whilst the Trust envisaged the completion of the final phases of the new modernised Mosque this year, shortages in the building industry and a reduced number of visits meant that the Charity's efforts and investment went into other structural and

We are excited that the mosque will serve as a central hub for key projects and charitable activity on site, including spiritual gatherings, a place for lectures, mentoring and reflection in an uplifting environment. The Trust is heartened by the willingness of key volunteers to help to raise funds to assist with the development of the Hijaz, so that it may be a centre of contemplation, comfort and education.

A second phase introducing a professional PA system and increased capacity of 500 worshippers by the Trust has been deferred with priority given to the development of the large modern ablution facility, which will take a more central location. Some funds have been spent on the preliminary works of the new toilet and ablution area. It is envisaged that both the Wudhu and Mosque area should be developed extensively and completed by next year.

The Trust is looking to improve the walkways between the Mausoleum, Mosque and Wudhu area for easy access for visitors. As we anticipate an increased volume of visitors nationwide, when we open up to the general public, these pathways should make clear the public spaces for visitors at the front of the grounds, leaving the behind area for residential access, which may eventually be cordoned off with security gates.

Security

The Trust is pleased to have purchased 16 HD cameras, which will be strategically installed to give good coverage of high traffic areas of the Hijaz grounds. The cameras will include video and audio recording, which will provide much-needed security and peace of mind to visitors, volunteers and residents. These will be installed once a fully powered internet line is in operation. The Trust welcomes the beneficence of volunteers who are professionals in telecommunications, and have advised in the planning and have offered to heavily subsidise for the charity the cost of its physical installation.

The Trust has reviewed the security measures in place and has been exploring ways in which to ensure the safety of both volunteers and visitors at all times.

Provision of Accommodation facilities for Trainers of Volunteers

The Hijaz grounds continues to attract more volunteers and devotees, whom wish to raise their families around an Islamic environment. The resident voluntary trainers

and Mentors continue to play a key role in ensuring the quality and full coordination of the execution of these projects. Resident volunteers have been providing regular training – e.g. zikr, bespoke mentoring, assistance with the youth programmes and academic on the Islamic Law and Spirituality. The Trust is looking at existing spaces where further accommodation can be developed for volunteers to reside on site.

The contributions being made by the resident volunteers have now reached almost £80,000.00 and this aspect of the Trust has become a key Asset. The Trust will continue to develop and expand this to facilitate more volunteers to come and also to provide even better facilities.

Our Volunteers

All the projects of the Trust rely heavily on the goodwill of volunteers.

A vast proportion of the operational costs of our projects are met by volunteer contributions from those living on site, not only financially but through donating their time and, when required, their expertise.

Whilst the Trust has not formally accounted individually, the following examples give volunteer's Equivalent Monetary Voluntary Contribution, a brief insight into the sheer quality and value of the contributions made by the on-site volunteers.

- The Site Manager continues to contribute his time and skills to the value of £60-80k in architect consultancy fees during the upgrades that took place to improve the renovations and building developments to the site. Further to this, the Site Manager provides endless assistance with maintenance and the oversight of renovations in the whole Site. Essentially devoting all his spare time towards the Trust's site management. This separate role and tradesman level expertise would have cost the Trust a further £25-30k in total per annum.
- The Trust continues to benefit from the voluntary expertise of a professional accountant and bookkeeper who have established a well-functioning system for financial reporting, providing the Trust with absolute and up-to-date oversight. The financial and accounting services in kind have the equivalent monetary value of more than £15,000 per year.
- Various volunteers work tirelessly providing co-ordination, administration and physical labour in the varying projects, which the Trust is keen to quantify, in order to encourage a recognition of their contributions towards the Charity and its activities.

Coronavirus Pandemic

As with last year, the Trust has been quick to respond to the needs of the public and congregation with the outbreak of Covid 19, and regularly reviews the policies in place with medically qualified members of the Trust (doctors in health care) to ensure appropriate measures are being implemented swiftly. The Trust has taken a conservative approach by keeping a close eye on local and national infection rates and has not always waited for government guidance to implement restrictions for the safety of the community. At times of emergency, the Trust provided urgent pastoral

and practical care, including food packages being safely dropped off local congregation members who were isolating or affected by the virus.

While the world grapples with the challenges presented by the ongoing coronavirus pandemic, the Trust has adapted to online platforms for physically distanced outreach and educational projects. The Trust is enthused by volunteers' creativity and efforts to continue bringing people together digitally, at a time where spiritual and mental wellbeing are more pertinent than ever.

Financial review

The charity's incoming resources for the period 1 April 2019 to 31 March 2020 totalled £436,221 (£224,853 for YE 2020). This consisted of donations, the charity's investment income, contribution from volunteers, utilities and biomass subsidiary income. It is important to acknowledge the huge contribution of time and commitment from our volunteers who have helped to manage the trust at a minimal cost.

The charity expenditure for the same period was £343,641 leaving a profit and loss balance surplus for YE 31 March 2020 as £92,581. The charity's bank balance position at the end of this period shows £121,421.

Reserve policy and going concern

Reserves are required to ensure the stable operations of The Trust. The Operating Reserve is intended to provide an internal source of funds for situations such as sudden increase in expenses, on-time unplanned expenses, or unanticipated loss in funding. The Reserve may also be used for one-time, nonrecurring expenses that will build long-term capacity, such as research and development or investment in infrastructure.

Operating reserves are not intended to replace a permanent loss of funds or eliminate an ongoing budget gap. It is the intention of Jamia Islamia for Operating Reserves to be used and replenished within a short period of time.

The trustees decided there was no need to increase the level of reserves and, as at 31 March 2020, kept it at £9,000.

Our balance sheet remains strong due to the ownership of the site. The trustees have reviewed the circumstances of Jamia Islamia and consider that adequate resources continue to be available to fund the activities of the Trust for the foreseeable future. The trustees are of the view that the Trust is a going concern.

Plans for future periods

- The Trust wishes to further develop its new direction towards making Hijaz a centre for newcomers to experience and learn about Islam by hosting 'Away Days' to a wide demographic, primarily: school children, professionals and the elderly.
- The Trust is hoping to coordinate with the local authority in Leicestershire and Warwickshire and outreach to vulnerable groups, for example the elderly and lonely people in the area, to host activities, with the intention of dispelling stereotypes about Islam, educating newcomers and bridge-building within the wider community.
- Installing improved security measures, including CCTV and an upgraded gate where ANPR cameras recognise known vehicles entering the site.
- Fibre optic internet to support security measures on site, for office and residents' use, and future use by an increased volume of visitors in future. This will require digging and cabling which has been quoted to cost tens of thousands of pounds, which we hope can be undertaken by volunteers with a telecommunications background.
- The Trust is pledging to gift food packages to front-line workers as a gesture of appreciation and solidarity, including doctors, nurses, refuse workers, emergency services and teaching staff who continue to work tirelessly throughout the pandemic.
- The Trust has embarked upon building three to four new homes at the bottom of the Hijaz driveway to sell and aim to generate a profit of £1.4 million for the Charity. There is scope for building further houses along the driveway, which may also be sold on the open market, or may potentially be used for accommodation for potential assisting living or care facilities.
- The Trust hopes to expand the Medina Youth education programme for young children, and it making more of its activities available online for distant learning.