

JAMIA ISLAMIA (ISLAMIC STUDIES CENTRE)

TRUST Charity No. 517456

Company No.

Trustees' Report and Unaudited Accounts

31 March 2025

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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 2025 .

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Company No.

Charity No. 517456

Registered Office

Hijaz College
Watling Street
Nuneaton
CV116BE

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:

Dr Mohammed Mohbeen
Najeeha Al Azkah Siddiqi
Dr Jalil Ahmed
Farjana Hannan
Faried Chedie
Dr Safwan Tayyab
Hassan Ali Shah
Imran Khan
Mujib Awan
Faizul Aqtab Siddiqi
Noorul Aqtab Siddiqi

Accountants

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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).

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Trustees Annual Report

Signed on behalf of the board

M.AWAN

Trustee

31st March 2025

M. Awan

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 2025 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 to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Farhan Nagda

EDGE CHARTERED CERTIFIED ACCOUNTANTS

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31 January 2025

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TRUST Statement of Financial Activities
for the year ended 31 March 2025

		Unrestricted Funds 2025	Restricted Funds 2025	Total Funds 2025	Total Funds 2024
	Notes	£	£	£	£
Income and endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	4	286,196.38		286,196.38	243,785.00
Charitable activities	5	-		-	-
Other trading activities	6	83,185.78		83,185.78	86,023.54
Investments	7	25,188.81		25,188.81	26,027.90
Total		394,570.97		394,570.97	355,837.00
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds	8	-		-	-
Charitable activities	9	-		-	-
Other	10	339,797.16		339,797.16	398,334.00
Total		54,773.81		54,773.81	42,498.00
Net gains on investments:					
Net income		54,773.81		54,773.81	42,498.00
Transfers between funds		-		-	-
Net income before other gains/(losses)		54,773.81		54,773.81	42,498.00
Net movement in funds		-		-	-
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward		2,572,685.00	30,000.00	2,602,685.00	2,645,185.00
Total funds carried forward		2,627,458.81	30,000.00	2,657,458.81	2,602,685.00

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TRUST Summary Income and Expenditure Account

for the year ended 31 March 2025

	2025	2024
	£	£
Income	369,382	329,809
Investment Income	25,189	26,028
Gross income for the year	394,571	355,837
Expenditure	329,265	388,120
Interest Payable	10,533	10,215
Total expenditure for the year	339,797	398,335
Net income before tax for the year	54,774	-42,498
Net income for the year	54,774	-42,498

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TRUST Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2025

	Notes	2025 £	2024 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	12	3,115,000	3,115,000
		<u>3,115,000</u>	<u>3,115,000</u>
Current assets			
Cash at bank and in hand		30,272	10,931
		<u>30,272</u>	<u>10,931</u>
Creditors: Amount falling due within one year	13	-750	-750
Net current assets		29,522	10,181
Total assets less current liabilities		3,144,522	3,125,181
Creditors: Amounts falling due after more than one year	14	-487,063	-522,496
Net assets excluding pension asset or liability		<u>2,657,459</u>	<u>2,602,685</u>
Total net assets		<u>2,657,459</u>	<u>2,602,685</u>
The funds of the charity			
Restricted funds	15		
Restricted income funds		30,000	30,000
Unrestricted funds	15		
General funds		1,502,660	1,545,157
Designated funds		54,774	-42,497
		<u>1,557,434</u>	<u>1,502,660</u>
Reserves	15		
Revaluation reserve		1,100,025	1,100,025
Total funds		<u>2,657,459</u>	<u>2,602,685</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 2025 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.

Approved by the board on 31 March 2025

And signed on its behalf by:

M.AWAN
Trustee
31 March 2025

M. Awan

JAMIA ISLAMIA (ISLAMIC STUDIES CENTRE) TRUST

Notes to the Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2025

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 methods of accounting) since last year and no changes have been made to accounts for previous years.

Notes to the Accounts

Income:

Recognition of Income

Income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when the charity income 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 legacies 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 investment income

The value of any volunteer help received is not included in the accounts. 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 revaluation of investment assets

This includes any gain or loss on the sale of investments.

Expenditure:

Recognition of expenditure

Expenditure is recognised on an accrual 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.

Notes to the Accounts

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 Cost

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.

Taxation

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 recognized 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 recognized 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 recognized 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 recognized 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.

Notes to the Accounts

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.

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 recognized 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 recognized immediately, unless they are directly attributable to qualifying assets, in which case they are capitalized 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 recognized 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 recognized as a liability. The aggregate benefit of incentives is recognized 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 recognized 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 recognized within incoming resources and expenditure at an estimate of the value to the charity.

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Notes to the Accounts

2 Company status

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

3 Income from donations and legacies

Unrestricted	Total	Total
	2025	2024
£	£	£
286,196.38	286,196.38	243,785
286,196.38	286,196.38	243,785

4 Income from charitable activities

Unrestricted	Total	Total
	2025	2024
£	£	£
-	-	-
-	-	-

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5 Income from other trading activities

Unrestricted	Total	Total
	2025	2024
£	£	£
83,186	83,186	86,024
83,186	<u>83,186</u>	<u>86,024</u>

6 Income from investments

Unrestricted	Total	Total
	2025	2024
£	£	£
25,189	25,189	26,028
25,189	<u>25,189</u>	<u>26,028</u>

7 Tangible fixed assets

	£	£	£
Cost or revaluation			
At 1 April 2024	<u>3,115,000</u>	-	<u>3,115,000</u>
At 31 March 2025	<u>3,115,000</u>	-	<u>3,115,000</u>
Net book values			
At 31 March 2025	<u>3,115,000</u>	-	<u>3,115,000</u>

8 Creditors:

amounts falling due within one year

	2025	2024
	£	£
Trade creditors	750	750
	750	750

9 Creditors:

amounts falling due after more than one year

	2025	2024
	£	£
Bank loans and overdrafts	122,162	159,643
Other loans	361,284	361,284
Other creditors	3,617	1,569
	<u>487,063</u>	<u>522,496</u>

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10 Movement in funds

	1 April 2024 £	31 March 2025 £
Restricted funds:		
Restricted income funds	30,000	30,000
Total	30,000	30,000
Unrestricted funds:		
General funds	1,545,157	1,502,659
Designated funds	-42,498	54,774
Total	1,502,659	1,557,434
Revaluation reserves:		
Revaluation fund	1,100,025	1,100,025
Total	1,100,025	1,100,025

11 Related party disclosures

Controlling party

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

Report of the trustees for the year ending 31st March 2025

During the year, the Trust continued to advance its charitable aims in education, spirituality, and community service through a wide range of programmes and initiatives. Core educational activities flourished, including the Medina Youth Programme, which maintained strong participation through online classes, monthly gatherings, and assessments. Regular dhikr assemblies, Friday Jumu'ah prayers, and weekly online teachings provided opportunities for spiritual growth and reflection. The Garden of Blessings continued to serve as a sacred resting place and a valued source of income, with growing demand for burial spaces and ongoing improvements to the grounds and facilities.

A key highlight of the year was the Blessed Summit 2024, marking the 30th anniversary of the passing of His Eminence *Murshid Mujaddid Abdul Wahab Siddiqi (RA)*. The event brought together scholars, students, and community members for a weekend of learning, remembrance, and spiritual renewal. The keynote address by *His Eminence Murshid Faizul Aqtab Siddiqi Hijazi* offered profound personal insights into his father's legacy, inspiring attendees to uphold his mission of service, unity, and spiritual elevation. The Summit attracted approximately 5,000 participants both onsite and online, reaffirming its status as Hijaz's flagship annual gathering.

This milestone year also created new opportunities to share His Eminence Murshid Mujaddid Abdul Wahab Siddiqi (RA) legacy with academic and research communities. At the Muslims in Britain Research Network (MBRN) conference at Westminster University, Hijaz representatives presented on the history and development of the Hijazi Naqshbandi community in Britain, enabling His Eminence's spiritual and educational impact to be explored within a national scholarly forum. Additionally, our growing engagement with Cardiff University's Centre for the Study of Islam allowed for meaningful discussions on the contemporary needs of Muslims in the UK and opened the door to potential collaboration on hosting future Hijaz exhibitions on campus. These academic interactions further strengthened the recognition of His Eminence's contributions and deepened institutional links that will support Hijaz Expo's educational mission in the years ahead.

The Trust also expanded its Hijaz Expo initiative, designed to open the Hijaz grounds to the wider public through heritage, education, and interfaith engagement. Throughout the year, the team delivered several successful outreach programmes in collaboration with local and regional partners. These included participation in the Return of the King Exhibition and the Rose Laying Ceremony at Bosworth Battlefield, where Hijaz representatives joined civic and interfaith leaders to commemorate the fallen and pray for peace. Additionally, at the Bosworth Medieval Festival, Hijaz Expo hosted creative workshops such as geometric tile design and prayer bead making, introducing visitors of all backgrounds to Islamic art and spirituality in a friendly, accessible setting. These events strengthened community ties and positioned Hijaz as an active contributor to the region's cultural and educational landscape.

Operationally, the Trust continued its extensive site renovation programme, including upgrades to the mosque, main building, ablution facility, and visitor facilities. Property maintenance across residential units was sustained through rental income, while volunteer professionals provided invaluable support in project management, architecture, and accounting—saving the charity significant expenditure.

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The trustees express deep gratitude to the volunteers, mentors, and staff whose dedication underpins every aspect of the Trust's work. Looking ahead, priorities include the launch of Hijaz Expo, completion of the Hijaz Museum and ablution area, and continued investment in youth and adult education. The Trust remains committed to providing an environment of learning, reflection, and spiritual enrichment for all who visit Hijaz.

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 utilised to achieve the Trust’s aims and objectives:

Hijaz College

Medina Youth Programme

The Medina Youth Programme is a comprehensive introduction to essential Islamic subjects. The educational programme continues to be a popular course for young Muslim children within Hijaz Trust. Classes continue to be held 4 times a week on zoom, and accumulate in regular quizzes to assess their progress.

The online teaching allows for the children of both local Hijaz Trust members and afar to benefit from the distance learning provided.

- Combined class one and two study aqeedah (core Islamic beliefs), seerah and tafsir of the Noble Quran.
- Class three, made up of children as young as 6 years old, learnt about prayer, aqeedah, seerah and tafsir of the Noble Quran.

Throughout the last year there have been approximately 50 regular attendees who thoroughly enjoy the lessons. The Trust hopes to continue to inspire young minds so that they are instilled with a full understanding of the Islamic way of life and develop the

characteristics of ideal Muslim citizens as they grow up.

To celebrate their achievements and progress throughout the year, a summer party was organised. Participating children, their families and local Hijaz Trust volunteers came together to enjoy a barbeque, lunch, inflatables and a movie in the Marquee.

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.

1. The weekly online teaching of Islamic texts continued in the following areas:
 - i. Studying the text **“The Perfect Man”** by Asim Awan. This concise yet profound work explores the noble character, virtues, and exemplary life of the Prophet Muhammad ﷺ — the model of perfection for all humanity. Through accessible commentary and reflection, students are guided to appreciate how his compassion, justice, and devotion to Allah serve as a timeless framework for personal and spiritual growth in the modern world.
 - ii. Studying the text **‘The legacy of Sayyidina Abu Bakr As-Siddiq,’** delving into the life, leadership, and enduring influence of Hazrat Abu Bakr (RA), the first Caliph of Islam and one of the closest companions of the Prophet ﷺ. It examines his unwavering faith, humility, and courage in upholding the message of Islam after the Prophet’s passing, offering valuable lessons on trust, service, and moral integrity.

The above lessons are taught online, which people can access on Audio Mack and YouTube. These have 133 online followers and nearly 9000 plays.

2. Weekly Dhikr (Remembrance of God)

Weekly spiritual gatherings of congregational dhikr have continued in the Mosque. This gathering of Dhikr is an opportunity for intellectual stimulation and education as well as nourishment for the soul.

3. Community gatherings

We were happy to host regular monthly gatherings in which the community is invited for an evening of education, worship and dinner. Such events included the celebration of Mawlid-un-Nabi (celebration of the birth of holy Prophet Muhammad ﷺ). Whilst we were happy to host communal gatherings, we continued live-streaming for those unable to travel or be present in Hijaz.

The Hijaz Trust enjoyed the privilege and honour of a custodian of the blessed hair of holy Prophet Muhammad ﷺ and the blessed hair of Hazrat Abdul Qadr Jilani (RA) brought to Hijaz, the Mausoleum and Hijaz Mosque, during Fajr time of the 12th Rabbi ul Awwal shareef. This allowed our congregation to commemorate the advent of Holy Prophet ﷺ at the exact time and date of his blessed birth. The opportunity was welcomed by the Trust and beneficiaries, whom were truly grateful and fortunate to have been able to host such a holy relic during a commemorative and celebratory time of the Islamic calendar.

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Both Eid-ul-Fitr and Eid-ul-Adha were celebrated in Hijaz and Eid lunch was enjoyed outdoors with an opportunity for children to enjoy the grounds and play in the playground area.

The wider community was invited to join in with other solemn and auspicious dates in the Islamic calendar, including the Night of Ascension and the Night of Forgiveness, which took place in the Mosque and Mausoleum. These included the recommended visit of the graveyard to make special prayer for those buried there along with the late relatives of the congregation.

4. Friday Jummah Sermons

- i. The Hijaz Mosque continues its weekly 30-minute speeches, which include short lessons on a range of topics, including:
 1. The importance of sincerity (ikhlas) in worship
 2. Managing anger and nurturing patience
 3. The dangers of pride and the virtue of humility
 4. Gratitude as a way of life
 5. The purification of the heart through Divine remembrance
 6. Historical events marked throughout the Islamic calendar
- ii. Hijaz Trust is the only mosque in the UK which schedules a late afternoon congregational Jummah in the summer months (when a later Dhuhr prayer is permitted). This has been in practice in the last five years and was implemented for the sake of allowing young children and their parents to attend at a suitable time. Holding Jummah at 5.30pm on Fridays allows for children and working professionals to attend prayer after the school and working day, and is an opportune time at the end of the week for families to come together and worship. The Friday worship is always coupled with food after prayer, which is a blessing that the community has expressed to be greatly beneficial.

Community Outreach

In continuation of our outreach efforts to support our neighbours and the wider community, we delivered several hundred food packages across Nuneaton and Hinckley. Volunteers worked together to cook, pack, and distribute the meals in celebration of Eid. Packages were shared with local market traders and businesses on Castle Street in the historic market town of Hinckley, as well as with nearby residents on Coventry Road and Watling Street.

Hijaz Expo

1. In recent years, the Trust has been considering how best to showcase the grounds within its idyllic setting and unique offerings. The grounds have been known and visited by a growing community of beneficiaries for over a decade. Much of this audience has been by those of Muslim faith, seeking to build upon their spiritual creation or to seek blessings from the Mausoleum. The centre of education, personal development and spiritual enrichment has had far-reaching effects nationally and beyond. The Trust has focussed its new Business Plan on establishing a 'visit day' on the sacred grounds and opening this up to the wider public, in which members of the general public can experience and learn about Islam.

2. As this Visit Day involves an outing and exhibits, showcasing aspects of Islam, including Islamic music and architecture, as well as the in-person experiential activities of visiting a Mausoleum and observing Muslim worship, the Hijaz Expo became the perfect name to encapsulate the day.
3. With this in mind, the Trust has spent time and thought in developing the grounds, making improvements for better accessibility and facilities as well as enhancing the existing natural beauty of the landscape.
4. The Trust is aiming to launch the Hijaz Expo to local organisations in December 2025 and looks forward to hosting away days for schools, colleges, universities, councils, unions, scouts, media organisations for profit and non-profit associations, interfaith, and individuals.

Return of the King Exhibition

In the previous year, we launched "**A Tale of Two Re-Interments**," a unique temporary exhibition that explores the parallels between two influential figures: King Richard III and the Saint His Eminence Murshid Muhammad Abdul Wahab Siddiqi (RA). Both men, who died young, were later re-interred in sacred places in the local area, making their stories emblematic of the region's historical tapestry.

The exhibition told the life, works, and contributions of His Eminence since the 1970s through an immersive experience, featuring photographs, videos, and eye-witness accounts. The exhibit highlights how much shared history exists between different communities and demonstrates how the lives of these prominent individuals intersect with broader historical narratives.

On 22 March 2025, Hijaz Expo was featured at the "Return of the King" event held at the Bosworth Battlefield Heritage Centre & Country Park, Leicestershire. Our exhibition, which had originally formed part of the permanent Bosworth exhibition, was brought back and displayed temporarily for the weekend as part of this special programme.

This one-off return gave visitors the chance to re-engage with our materials, placing Islamic heritage and spirituality within the wider story of history and culture presented at Bosworth. The display served both as a heritage collaboration and as a public preview of Hijaz Expo's wider vision, ahead of our scheduled launch in Hijaz.

Feedback from attendees was positive, with many noting the value of seeing the Hijaz narrative integrated into a mainstream heritage context. This event also reaffirmed our commitment to presenting our heritage in ways that resonate with diverse audiences and create opportunities for intercultural dialogue.

Commemoration at Bosworth – Rose Laying Ceremony

On 22nd August 2024, Hijaz Expo members participated in the rose laying ceremony commemorating those who lost their lives in the Battle of Bosworth on the anniversary of the battle. A poignant ceremony led by the Dean of Leicester Cathedral, Very Revd Karen Rooms, that also remembered conflicts around the world and prayed for peace and unity among all.

It gave us a chance to see the newly acquired Richard III coins, the newly installed sculpture, 'Piecing Together the Past', and the temporary exhibition on Sikh women throughout history with the Chairman of Leicestershire County Council, Councillor Joe Orson and the Deputy Mayor of Hinckley and Bosworth, Scott Gibbens. The event underscored the importance of continued dialogue and collaboration across faith, heritage, and civic spheres.

Bosworth Medieval Festival at the Bosworth Battlefield Heritage Centre

Our Hijaz Expo volunteers took part in the Bosworth Medieval Festival at the Bosworth Battlefield Heritage Centre, enjoying the chance to reconnect with old friends and meet new visitors over the weekend.

Throughout the festival we hosted a dedicated space at the Eagle Cabin, where the public could engage in hands-on activities including Arabic percussion workshops, geometric tile design, and prayer bead making. These interactive sessions were well received by families and visitors of all ages, offering a creative and accessible introduction to aspects of Islamic art, craft, and spirituality.

The festival gave Hijaz Expo a valuable opportunity to strengthen community links, share our heritage in a welcoming and practical way, and reinforce our commitment to intercultural dialogue within a broader historical and cultural celebration.

Conference at Westminster University, London – MBRN: Muslims in Britain Research Network

Hijaz was also represented at an academic level during the Muslims in Britain Research Network (MBRN) conference, held at Westminster University. The conference theme, "Muslims in Britain, 1800–1970, and Beyond: Historical Approaches and Why," explored the rich and evolving history of Muslim presence in Britain.

Imran Khan and Farzana Hannan presented a research paper titled:
"A Very British Islam: The Hijazi Naqshbandi Sufi Community in Warwickshire."

Their presentation traced the historical roots and development of the Hijazi Sufi tradition in Britain, highlighting the community's contribution to spiritual life, social cohesion, and the evolving narrative of Islam in the UK. Drawing on archival material, testimonies, and community history, the presentation provided a valuable academic perspective on the role of Hijaz in shaping a uniquely British expression of Islamic spirituality.

This engagement continues to strengthen Hijaz Expo's relationship with researchers, universities, and academic networks. It also underscored the significance of documenting, preserving, and sharing our community's heritage with wider scholarship, and further encourages us to develop our

Engagement with Cardiff University – Centre for the Study of Islam

We were pleased to welcome Professor Sophie Gilliat-Ray, founder and Head of the Centre for the Study of Islam at Cardiff University, along with members of her management team, for an official visit to Hijaz. The delegation was given a guided tour of our exhibition at Bosworth, followed by an evening of dinner and thoughtful discussion with our Chair, members of Global Civility, and Hijaz Expo scholars.

The conversations were wide-ranging and fruitful, touching on the contemporary needs of Muslims in the UK, the importance of high-quality academic research, and the evolving relationship between Islamic scholarship and public understanding. Chair, His Eminence Murshid Faizul Aqtab Siddiqi, expressed his appreciation to Professor Gilliat-Ray for her long-standing contribution to Muslim communities and commended the academic rigour, integrity, and insight demonstrated in the Centre's research.

A key topic of discussion was the potential to host the Hijaz exhibition at Cardiff University. In response, the Centre extended a warm invitation to Hijaz Expo and Global Civility representatives to visit the university and explore possible exhibition spaces. Nadeem Kazmi attended on behalf of the Trust, receiving a hearty Welsh welcome—complete with baked goods—and an in-depth tour of the Centre for the Study of Islam. They also enjoyed meeting a number of faculty members and discussing areas for future collaboration.

Talks remain ongoing, with particular interest in presenting the exhibition within the prestigious Viriamu Jones Gallery, located beside the Vice-Chancellor's museum. This potential partnership represents an important opportunity to bring Hijaz's heritage, history, and educational work into a significant academic setting and further strengthen our engagement with the university sector.

Continued Engagement with Culture Leicestershire

The Trust maintained an active relationship with Culture Leicestershire, building on previous collaborations and exploring new opportunities for partnership. Hijaz Expo representatives continued to participate in Community Connectors engagement events, which brought together local groups, cultural organisations, and public-sector partners.

Through these sessions, our team advised on a range of Culture Leicestershire initiatives—including the 'Culture To You' programme—and provided feedback to museums and libraries across the county, including in Loughborough, Harborough, Melton, Charnwood, and Coalville. We offered insight into culturally sensitive programming, inclusive exhibition design, and practical ways these institutions can better engage and support Muslim communities.

This ongoing collaboration is strengthening mutual understanding and helping to build community-wide engagement across the county. It also continues to lay the groundwork for meaningful future partnerships between Hijaz Expo and Culture Leicestershire.

Spiritual Surgery and Mentoring

Surgery time with His Eminence, Murshid Faiz ul Aqtab Siddiqi, continues to be offered to members of Hijaz Trust 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 His Eminence Murshid Faiz ul Aqtab Siddiqi 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.

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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 Trust.

Bespoke guidance continues to be provided by His Eminence Murshid Faiz ul Aqtab Siddiqi in the form of surgery on an appointment basis throughout the year. Visitors benefitted from His Eminence Murshid Siddiqi's methodical guidance as well as the spiritual benefits of spending time on-site for reflection, worship and spiritual blessings.

Blessed Summit

Blessed Summit is Hijaz's annual flagship gathering, bringing together scholars, thinkers, and community members for spiritual renewal, teaching, dialogue, and practical workshops. In July 2024, the Blessed Summit followed the usual format of lectures, devotional sessions, workshops, and reflection. The thematic focus for 2024 included **The Visionary and Rejuvenator: The Life and Teachings of Murshid Mujaddid Abdul Wahab Siddiqi (RA)**. It marked the 30th anniversary of the passing of His Eminence Murshid Mujaddid Abdul Wahab Siddiqi (RA)—a poignant milestone inviting reflection on his enduring legacy and the journey that established this annual commemoration. We explored His Eminence's vision to bring Islam to Europe and his lifelong mission to guide modern Muslims through both revealed and natural sciences. Attendees heard first-hand accounts from those inspired by his teachings, celebrating his message of self-improvement, unity, and service to Allah Almighty.

The highlight of the Blessed Summit the keynote address delivered by His Eminence Murshid Faizul Aqtab Siddiqi Hijazi, the son and spiritual successor of His Eminence Murshid Mujaddid Abdul Wahab Siddiqi (RA). In a deeply moving and intimate speech, he offered rare insights into the personal and spiritual journey of his revered father—shedding light on the challenges, sacrifices, and divine inspiration that shaped his mission. His Eminence Murshid Faizul Aqtab Siddiqi spoke with profound sincerity and wisdom, connecting past and present by reminding attendees of the timeless relevance of His Eminence Murshid Mujaddid Abdul Wahab Siddiqi (RA)'s teachings in today's world. His words resonated deeply with the audience, evoking reflection, gratitude, and renewed commitment to continue the legacy of service, unity, and spiritual elevation that his father so passionately embodied.

The Summit attracted a diverse group of attendees (youth, families, scholars) eager to deepen their knowledge, engage in spiritual practices, and connect with the mission of Hijaz and Hijaz Expo. People were able to watch the livestream. In total, the number of people who participated, including the numbers on the grounds and those watching from home was approximately 5,000.

Muslim Arbitration Tribunal (MAT)

Muslim Arbitration Tribunal (MAT) has not been operational and therefore was officially closed.

Garden of Blessings

Nestled within the peaceful grounds of Hijaz Manor, the Garden of Blessings continues to serve as a sacred and dignified resting place for members of the Muslim community. Designed with serenity and reflection in mind, it offers families a private space to honour

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their loved ones in an environment rooted in Islamic values. The garden also provides an important and sustainable source of income for the Trust.

The outdoor PA system has further enhanced the experience for visitors. It allows those gathered in the surrounding areas—especially during Friday prayers and special commemorations at the Mausoleum—to participate in collective worship, fostering a sense of unity and spiritual connection across the grounds.

Over the past year (2024–25), demand for burial spaces has continued to rise, particularly among Muslim communities from Birmingham, Coventry, and neighbouring regions.

Sadly, this year the Trust experienced the first passing of a temporary resident on the grounds, Qasim Ali. He was a beloved and devoted member of our community, having served the Trust with commitment and sincerity for over twenty years. His passing at a young age, due to medical complications, brought deep sorrow to all who knew him. Pastoral care and emotional support continue to be offered to those who were affected by his departure. Mr Ali is remembered with immense affection, not only for his character and dedication but also for the many individuals he introduced to Hijaz and its charitable work. His positive influence will be felt for years to come. Many continue to visit his resting place in the tranquil Garden of Blessings, where prayers are offered regularly in his memory. He remains in the hearts of the community, and his contributions to the Trust will not be forgotten.

The Garden of Blessings remains a place of reflection and gathering during significant Islamic occasions such as Eid al-Fitr, Eid al-Adha, Eid al-Jumu'ah, and Laylat al-Mi'raj, when families visit to offer prayers and remembrance.

Funeral arrangements continue to be delivered with professionalism and compassion, supported by two long-standing funeral directors in Birmingham, along with dedicated individuals and community organisations providing pastoral care. These partnerships ensure that every burial is carried out swiftly, respectfully, and in full accordance with Islamic tradition. The Trust also remains deeply grateful to its volunteers, whose commitment and empathy provide invaluable comfort and assistance to bereaved families.

Jamia Islamia Property Estate & Renovation

As planned, extensive renovation and improvements of the Hijaz grounds are continuing. A full breakdown of expenditure on renovation, maintenance and repairs are shown below:

COST CENTRE	totals
01. MASJID	£ 6,905.09
02. WUZU KHANA	£ 36,178.13
03. MAINBUILDING OFFICES	£ 501.49
05. RESIDENCE BLOCK OLD B	£ 570.91
06. RESIDENCE BLOCK C	£ 2,434.96
07. CLASS ROOMS BLOCK D	£ 1,388.77
08. RESIDENCE MAINBUILDING	£ 142.48
09. RESIDENCE HOUSES	£ 109.86
11. SITE ROADS/LANDSCAPING	£ 7,074.12
12. GOB	£ 29,618.43
14. GENERAL COSTS	£ 623.64
15. EVENTS	£ 488.40
40. BIOMASS	£ 680.00
42. GARDENING	£ 9,003.14
44. ARCHWAY	£ 11,729.65
46. SOUND STUDIOS	£ 294.40
47. MAINBUILDING FLATS	£ 1,804.00
48. MAINBUILDING KITCHEN	£ 400.00
51. EXPO	£ 88.21
54. MAINBUILDING	£ 2,559.94
53. ATRIUM	£ 6,344.07
55. SITE SECURITY	£ 889.46
56. MB EXHIBITION ROOM	£ 2,195.63

Masjid Improvements:

- New external decking has been installed at the men's entrance, enhancing accessibility and safety.
- Custom-designed shoe racks have been added at both mosque entrances to improve organisation and convenience.
- External wall rendering at the damp course level has been completed around the entire mosque, strengthening protection against moisture and improving appearance.

Main Building Upgrades:

- Repointing and repairs carried out on the external walls of the main building to preserve structure and integrity.
- Internal walls have been relined with plasterboard and finished with a smooth skim coat for a refreshed interior.
- First-fix electrical wiring has been completed in preparation for final installations.
- A new structural support frame has been installed for the upcoming glass partitioning feature.
- In the kitchen area, the old heating system and associated wiring have been safely removed to make way for future upgrades.

Other works:

- Significant upgrades to the Wudu Khana facilities.
- D Block staircase fully redecorated.
- Archway rendered, painted, and fitted with new decorative panels/signage.
- Directional signage installed throughout the site to improve navigation.
- A new children's play frame constructed to enhance community and family facilities.
- Driveway potholes repaired for smoother and safer access.
- B Block biomass heating system repaired, including works on boilers and piping.

These continued upgrades demonstrate our dedication to nurturing the Hijaz site as a welcoming, well-maintained, and spiritually enriching environment for all who visit. The Masjid remains at the heart of the community—hosting gatherings of remembrance, educational lectures, mentoring sessions, and moments of reflection that bring people together in faith and unity.

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 overseeing the works on site free of charge, thus saving the charity a significant sum.

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 subjects of 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 equate to almost £70,000.00 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

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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.

Financial review

The charity's incoming resources for the period 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025 totalled £394,570 (£355,836 for YE 2024). 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 £339,797 leaving a profit and loss balance loss for YE 31 March 2025 as £54,733. The charity's bank balance position at the end of this period shows £30,272.

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 2025, 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 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 add further pathways in the Garden of Blessings graveyard to make for easier burials and further funeral prayers to take place in the dedicated burial grounds area, rather than the courtyard near the WC.

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- The Trust looks forward to launching Hijaz Expo and hopes to create a dedicated professional kitchen and recruiting a new chef to accommodate regular lunches (langar shareef) for the new visitors who will be welcomed by Hijaz Trust in the near future.
- The Trust hopes to create a small sanctuary where overnight visitors can stay in spiritual seclusion near the woodland area to the left of the Main Building.

Planned Site Works:

- Completion of Ablution Area works
- Completion of the Hijaz Museum.
- Resurfacing and installing drainage by the archway.