



Trustees Financial Report 2024



Uniting the Muslims of Bushey

CRN. 1208506, Bushey Islamic Circle, The Bushey Centre, Bushey Country Club, WD23 1TT

The Congregation of Bushey Islamic Circle CIO 1208506
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31 October 2024

Bismillah ir-Rahman ir-Raheem

Salaam Alaykum wa Rahmatullahi wa Barakatuhu

On behalf of the Trustees of Bushey Islamic Circle CIO, we are delighted to present the financial results for the period ending 31 October 2024, our second published accounts.

Over the past two years, our community has come together with unparalleled dedication, generosity, and unity, allowing us to achieve incredible milestones and build a strong foundation for the future in such a short space of time. How truly wonderful it has been to serve such a vibrant community and how truly remarkable this journey has been. We ask *Allah subhaanahu wa ta'aalaa* to facilitate our good deeds and to accept them—*Ameen Ya Rabb*.

Financial Statement for the period ending 31 October 2024

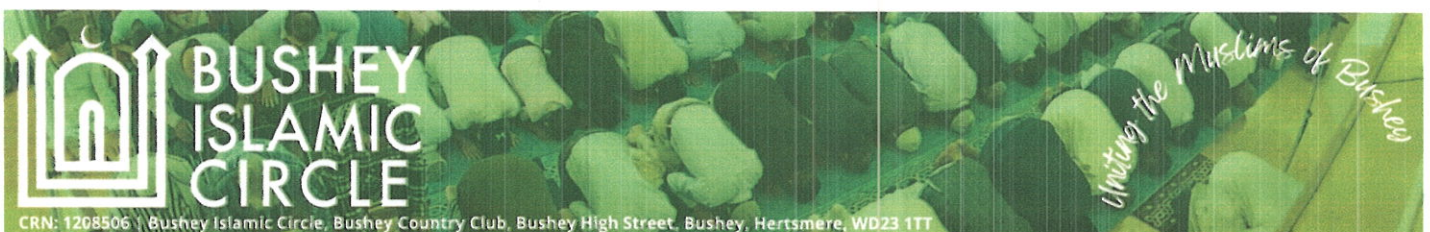
In this statement you will see two sections and thus two sets of accounts. That is to aid the reader in their analysis of our accounts and understand where our funds have come from, where they are held, and where they have been deployed. The aim of this letter is to ensure you are fully aware of where your donations have gone and where donations of items have gone. Please note, this report has not yet been submitted with the Charity Commission, but preparations are being made to submit the accounts with the Charity Commission, as well as to the company's house as guided by their laws.

We are truly grateful to all of you

It is with great pride and heartfelt gratitude that we address you today on behalf of Bushey Islamic Circle CIO—the very first *Musallah* and Muslim Community Hub here in Bushey. Alhamdulillah, over the past 2.5 years, we have witnessed something truly remarkable: the rise of a community that has come together to achieve greatness, driven by a shared sense of purpose, faith, and determination.

When we first gathered with the vision of establishing a space where our community could unite for Jumuah prayer, learning, and mutual support, we knew the road ahead would be challenging. But with Allah's guidance and the collective effort of this community, what we have built is nothing short of extraordinary.

Let us take a moment to reflect on all that you—the members of this incredible community—have achieved. Here is timeline in summary of the khair achieved in such a small space of time:



- June 2022 marked a historic moment when Bushey Islamic Circle established weekly *Jumua* prayers, providing the community with the spiritual anchor that has been at the heart of our community's journey since.
- In *Ramadan* 2023, we established the first Muslim Charity Entity in Bushey, formalising our efforts and laying the foundation for sustainable growth. A company limited by guarantee, Bushey Islamic Circle, was formed.
- That same month, we successfully organised the first 30-day *Taraweeh* program in Bushey, bringing together families for nightly prayers throughout *Ramadan*—a milestone for us all.
- By November 2023, we took another major step with the creation of the Children's *Madrassa*, offering Islamic education to boys and girls, and employing two dedicated teachers to nurture our youth.
- Our Youth *Halaqa*, also launched in November 2023, continues to thrive as a safe space for young boys to explore their faith, led by their peers—a testament to the leadership being cultivated among our youth.
- In *Ramadan* 2024, we held our second 30-day *Taraweeh*, introduced a *Huffaadh* Training Program, and hosted the community *Qiyaam ul Layl* during the last 10 nights of *Ramadan*. We also held community *iftaars* every Saturday and raised a remarkable £26,956.30 (total campaigns combined) for the Palestinian Community fundraising to support the provision of emergency provisions and tents (*Allahu Akbar!*).
- In April 2024, shortly after Ramadan, we established the first *Musallah* in Bushey, with your help, offering five daily prayers, further anchoring us in worship, we became the first *Musallah* in Bushey with everyone's *dua*'s and donations.
- This year also saw the launch of the Monthly Scholar Talks featuring special guest speakers, and the Sisters' *Halaqa*, which meets fortnightly, focusing on health and wellbeing.
- June 2024 marked another significant milestone with the formal recognition of our charity as a CIO (Charitable Incorporated Organisation), enhancing our transparency and governance. A member of the leadership team sponsored a small celebration to mark this achievement with a Volunteers and Staff Dinner, honouring the incredible volunteers who dedicate their time and energy to the cause.
- Our dedicated brothers returned once again to focus and commit to spiritual, mental and physical health and community engagement as demonstrated by the sports initiatives, including Brazilian Jiu Jitsu, Fitness Classes, Boxing, and Muay Thai, launched throughout 2024.
- Since April 2024, we've hosted guest speakers who have enriched us with knowledge and inspiration, covering topics ranging from marriage and parenting to entrepreneurship and community building.
- Our Community *Eid Salah* has continued to flourish, with this year's *Eid ul Adha Salah* being our first outdoor prayer—what a moment of unity and joy! It is estimated over 500 people joined us for that!

- Most recently, in September 2024, we welcomed our first *Imam* and Scholar, *Dr. Shaykh Mohammed El Hassani*, who has already made a profound impact on our community already. Alongside him, we've employed two more *madrassa* teachers, and the Children's *Madrassa* has successfully entered its second year of operation.
- We've also partnered in important initiatives such as the Genomics England study research programme, contributing to vital research that benefits the broader society, with participation spanning from April to October 2024.
- Finally, through the hard work of this community, we have furnished our *Musallah* (through donations) with essential amenities like CCTV, carpets, a minbar, and TVs, ensuring that our space is secure, comfortable, and welcoming for all.

In short, we've built a community together

Brothers and Sisters, when we reflect on all that we have accomplished, we are reminded of the immense power of community. We are reminded of when the *Muhajiroon* of *Makkah* were forced to jump a leap of faith to travel to *Madinah*, being welcomed by the *Ansaar*. These first few years were the beginning of a civilisation that spread *Islam* through brotherhood (and sisterhood, too!).

In just 2.5 years, we have established ourselves as a pillar of faith and togetherness in Bushey. We've become the first *Musallah* to offer 5 prayers daily, Qur'an and Islamic learning and a Muslim community. None of this would have been possible without each and every one of you—whether you contributed through time, donations, or simply by attending our programs, your presence has made a difference.

But this is only the beginning. For Bushey Islamic Circle to continue to thrive, it is essential that we carry forward this momentum. We, together, are the architects of our community's and children's future, and it is through our collective efforts that we will ensure its success, growth, and longevity.

As we move forward, we urge you all to remain steadfast in your support and the giving of your time. We absolutely understand that in today's time, there are many competing obligations and many competing acts of *sadaqah* that you are supporting. Let it be the case that your act of *sadaqah* is in attending the *Musallah*, performing your prayers and supporting the house of *Allah* with not just your donations, but your presence. Let us keep building on the foundation we have laid, with *eemaan* in our hearts and a shared vision in mind. Together, we can ensure that Bushey Islamic Circle continues to serve as a beacon of light for generations to come.

Let us never forget: a community is only as strong as its members. And *Alhamdulillah*, Bushey has shown that it is a community capable of achieving greatness, united in purpose and in faith. United, most important of all.

May *Allah subhaanahu wa ta'aalaa* reward you all for your dedication, and may He continue to guide and bless our efforts as we strive to make Bushey Islamic Circle an enduring legacy for all of our community.

Jazakum Allahu Khairan

**The Trustees
Bushey Islamic Circle CIO
Charity Registration Number 1208506**

Bushey Islamic Circle



Income & Expenditure Accounts for the period ended 31 October 2024

	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
INCOME			
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General Donations	£97,771.22		
Gaza appeal - Direct (Revive)	£4,241.53		
Gaza appeal - Direct (Revive page)	£16,758.00		
Sadaqa	£2,113.00		
Palestine appeal - Ongoing	£5,956.77		
Genomics England Grant	£10,200.00		
Interest	£34.85		
Charitable Donations	£1,433.64		
Exercise & Fitness Session income	£1,967.79		
Fithrana	£412.00		
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			£140,888.80
EXPENDITURE ON CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES			
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Rent		£29,662.90	
Imams		£12,150.00	
Ramadan		£6,002.22	
Gaza		£20,999.53	
Teachers		£3,917.13	
Insurance		£2,783.75	
Fitness coaches		£3,195.00	
Consumbles		£2,006.16	
Youth activities		£566.91	
Printing		£527.64	
Fitrana		£412.00	
Water		£330.00	
Finance & Bank charges		£244.00	
Cleaning		£100.00	
Legal & Professional		£83.00	
Telephone		£95.94	
Software licences		£100.80	
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			-£83,176.98
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)			<hr/>
Total funds brought forward			£57,711.82
			£0.00
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD			<hr/> <hr/> £57,711.82

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Statement of Financial Position as at 31 October 2024

	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
<u>FIXED ASSETS</u>			
Tangible Assets			£2,790.82
<u>CURRENT ASSETS</u>			
Cash in Hand	£1,543.29		
Cash at Bank - Metro A/C 1	£9.55		
Cash at Bank - Metro A/C 2	£1.61		
Cash at Bank - Metro A/C 1 - CIO	£52,965.41		
Cash at Bank - Metro A/C 2 - CIO	£0.00		
Sum up - awaiting credit (Net of charges)	£401.14		
		£54,921.00	
<u>CURRENT LIABILITIES</u>			
Any Payables	£0.00		
Imam payment	£0.00		
Other	£0.00		
Hall hire	£0.00		
		£0.00	
Net Current Assets			£54,921.00
			£57,711.82
<u>FINANCED BY</u>			
Restricted Funds			£8,104.62
Unrestricted Funds			£49,607.20
			£57,711.82

Overview of the second published accounts:

Our Total Income, driven by your contributions, amounted to £140,888.80 (representing the total figure of funds collected), demonstrating the remarkable generosity and commitment of the Bushey community.

We are pleased to report that, thanks to your contributions, we were able to fulfil our obligations and direct £83,176.98 towards charitable activities that serve both our local community and those in need abroad. Notably, we were able to:

Support our Imams (*Ramadan*), speakers, teachers, and *khateeb*s, ensuring that our community benefits from spiritual and educational guidance.

Contribute significantly to the Darul Arqam Trust (and Revive Darul Arqam) Gaza Appeal, who are still on the ground distributing much-needed aid to our brothers and sisters.

Organise key events during Ramadan, support youth activities, and run various fitness programs to enhance both spiritual and physical well-being.

As a result of our careful financial stewardship, we are pleased to report a net income of £57,711.82, which will enable and has enabled us to continue growing and serving the community. These funds will be reinvested into future initiatives, lease costs and supporting everything from religious services and educational programs to our growing outreach efforts.

However, none of this would have been possible without your continued support. As we reflect on the past year, we are reminded of the power of community—the power of your contributions, your time, and your dedication to helping Bushey Islamic Circle thrive. Together, we have built something truly special.

Moving forward, we invite you to continue supporting our work. The road ahead is full of potential, and with *Allah subhaanahu wa ta'aala*'s guidance and your support, we believe Bushey Islamic Circle can achieve even greater heights. This is our community, and together we will ensure its growth and longevity, *in sha Allah*.

We thank you for your unwavering dedication and trust. We look forward to your continued involvement as we carry on this important work for the sake of *Allah subhaanahu wa ta'aala*'.

The charity has a positive financial standing, with a balance of £54,921.00 carried forward into future periods. The income exceeds the expenditure, leaving a surplus that will be reinvested and deployed into the upcoming community and charitable activities and upcoming premises and operational expenses.

A large group of people, mostly women wearing hijabs, are seen from behind, performing prayer (sujood) on the floor of a large, well-lit hall. The room has a high ceiling with exposed wooden beams and several windows. In the background, a sign on a door reads 'CHARITY'. The overall scene is captured in a warm, reddish-pink color palette.

FAQs



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Bushey Islamic Circle (Charity No. 1208505) The Bushey Centre, Bushey Country Club, WD23 1TT. Parking available (TCs apply).

FAQ: Bushey Islamic Circle

(Company Limited by Guarantee and CIO Combined Report)

FAQ:

Do you have questions about this report?

Please email info@busheyislamiccircle.org.uk and direct any questions you have about this report for the attention of the Trustees and the Secretary.

Want to learn more about the services and activities of Bushey Islamic Circle?

Please visit www.busheyislamiccircle.org.uk or follow our Whatsapp Community Group or social media.

How can you volunteer?

We always welcome extra hands. Please contact the Trustees directly or speak to them face to face. They are here to help you and the community.

When will the accounts be submitted to the Charity Commission?

Registered charities must submit their accounts and reports to the Commission every year through a process known as annual reporting. The financial year begins on the date the charity is registered.

End of Trustees Financial Report 2024



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