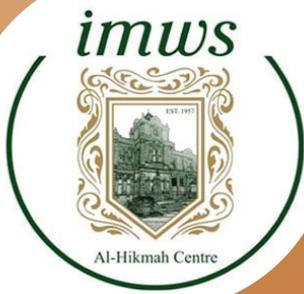


Indian Muslim Welfare Society



66th
Annual Report
2022-2023

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INDIAN MUSLIM WELFARE SOCIETY

All members are invited to attend the 66th Annual General Meeting on:

Date: Saturday 17th February 2024 - Time: 7.00 p.m

Venue: Al-Hikmah Centre, 28 Track Road, Batley

Dinner will be served from 6.15 pm until 7.00 pm

(Isha namaaz 7:00 pm)

SGM AGENDA

1. Tilawate Quran
2. Welcome by the Chair
3. Proposed Structural Changes
4. Draft CIO Constitution* (Draft copy of the consultation is available from the Al-Hikmah Office).
5. Vote on the Proposed Constitution

AGM AGENDA

1. Address by the Chair
2. Approval of minutes of last year's AGM (25th February 2023)
3. Matters Arising
4. Presentation of Accounts
5. Re-appointment of Independent Examiner
6. Election of Trustees & Chair
7. Any other Business
8. Duaa

Foreword by the Chair

I begin in the name of The Almighty, the Creator of all the worlds, the Highest, the most Gracious and the most Forgiving and Salutations to our Beloved Nabi (SAW).

Assalaamu Alaikum W. W.

The Society has now completed 66 years, and I have great pleasure in presenting this **66th** Annual Report to our members. I start by thanking the Almighty for helping me to serve our Society as of Chair for the last three years. This has been a great honour for me, and I have done my best to carry out my duties with integrity and full commitment.

As we witness the tragic events in Palestine, we are all in a state of shock at the continued loss of innocent lives including children. The world has become a very small and dangerous place, and it makes us realise that we should not take anything for granted. We should constantly express our gratitude to the Almighty for giving us peace and security, which the defenceless Muslims of Palestine are being deprived of.

On a more local level, we have continued to deliver many different services to our community, and we have been part of many local events and activities which will be detailed later in this report.

We have continued to work closely with both statutory and non-statutory organisations, and we have also used our position to lobby our politicians and the government on relevant issues of concern to our community. We have also had a meeting with the Police and the West Yorkshire Mayor where we have raised issues of concern including the rise in Islamophobic attacks on members of the Muslim community.

I am pleased to present our Annual Report to briefly highlight events and activities undertaken during the year. Our activities are guided by our vision which is to **represent our community at all levels.**

AL-HIKMAH

Al-Hikmah sub-committee has been meeting regularly assuring the sustainability of the income for IMWS, Health and safety issues around our physical assets (Al-Hikmah Centre), general maintenance and improvements of the buildings. CCTV and IT suite upgrades were completed. The committee recently approved the upgrade of the Wedding Hall (first floor). Alhamdulillah, our office accommodations are fully occupied, and new

clients have started using our facilities e.g. Blood Donation Group and other NHS services for their service deliveries and conferences. Our sports hall has been used for a variety of sports and fitness activities. The sub-committee also met with local partner organisations to look into the possibilities of working in partnership in future for community benefit.

CHARITY

Last year, we saw a continuation of the deeply entrenched inequalities and vulnerabilities. The climate disasters continued to cause misery to communities everywhere such as the earthquake in Morocco, the floods in Libya, the earthquake in Turkey/Syria and the floods in Bharuch, (Gujarat) India. We have continued giving Scholarship to students in higher education in Gujarat, India.

We are in the process of ongoing housebuilding projects in both Turkey and Syria working with our global partners. With the support of our Masjids and our very generous community members, we were also able to provide beneficial support to the needy people in Syria, Somalia and Yemen also working with our global partners.

We have provided all the details in our Paigaam editions for our members. The charity collected £305,394 for charitable emergency appeals and causes in the year.

We collect funds for specific national and international disaster and emergency appeals as well as for maintaining the IMWS Charity Fund to ensure funds are available when needed more urgently. Our focus over the last few months has been helping our brothers and sisters in Gaza as we have been doing for the last 15 years.

The terrifying escalation of violence is leaving people in Gaza in urgent need of humanitarian support. Hundreds of thousands of people have been forced from their homes with nowhere safe to go. Food, water, electricity, and fuel have been cut off. Gaza has run out of fuel and the main hospitals have very little (if any) medical supplies.

People have lost loved ones, homes, and income. Please continue to donate what you can.

PAIGAAM

There has been a big change with Paigaam. Following comments at the last AGM around the costs of producing printed copies of Paigaam, we decided to cease printed copies and go digital only from September 2023. This has ensured that we continue to retain our monthly publication and cover important and relevant issues of concern to our community. We always welcome feedback and comments from our readers.

BURIAL

We have continued to provide burial services to our community when required. We have continued to work closely with Kirklees Council's burial services and other statutory-related bodies such as the coroner's office and the Mid Yorkshire Hospital Trust.

We are grateful to the Council for investing in the new piece of burial land which is being used now that the previous land is full. We are also grateful to the Officers within the Bereavement Team who provide good support with our burials.

We have also provided a Burial workshop run by Moulana Habil Makda Saheb which included a practical demonstration and an explanation of the supporting rulings which greatly benefitted everyone who attended.

WOMEN'S PROJECT

IMWS have organised several activities and events such as a workshop on health topics, spiritual enhancement, weekly Tajweed classes, Gaza fundraising and a fun day. The Society has continued to provide women's aerobic classes every week. In Partnership with other organisations, IMWS has started a women's empowerment project for two years known as "LIMELIGHT", it will be completed in 2025. We have offered significant support in terms of providing venue and marketing support to other groups to provide Chair Exercises for senior citizens, support for new mothers, mental health support and other social activities.

YOUTH

The Society in partnership with Yorkshire Cricket Board (YCB) hosted a successful cricket coaching for children aged 12 to 18 years. The society also worked with the recently formed Moving Ahead group and Sparks Skills to deliver weekly multi-sports and arts & and crafts activities for young people in our communities.

Huddersfield Football Foundation organised a coaching session during holidays with some places allocated for children from disadvantaged backgrounds.

The Society extends its thanks and appreciation to our partners and collaborators, allowing us to better leverage our resources extend our reach and widen the impact of our work. We hope to continue to build on these relationships in future. The society has offered great discounts to use our Sports Facilities for local clubs and Kirklees to deliver youth activities

COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

IMWS facilitated numerous meetings, and conferences both in person and online regarding the situation of Muslims in India. Our efforts were increased following the situation in Gaza. We continued to work closely with our seven affiliated organisations providing support. IMWS has lobbied with local and national politicians to gain some support to highlight the issues. The society held large conferences which are supported by the local communities. The Chai and chat group continues to remain a popular event.

HEALTH

IMWS has been working closely with NHS and other health providers to address local health inequalities and work on health awareness. Currently, our 4 health champions are working in the communities to raise awareness of Diabetes, Cervical cancer and other issues targeting South Asian Communities.

IMWS held two Health Awareness days known as Health Mega Mela and LOCALA Health Awareness Day attended by dozens of Health Providers. Hundreds of local community members benefitted from the advice and basic health checks.

CONCLUSION

Finally, I would like to sincerely thank everyone for their support over the past year. This includes the Elected Members, the Executive Committee, our Affiliated and other Masjids, our Ulama, Nadeem Raja our General Manager, our staff, volunteers and membership.

Wassallam.

Rafik Dabhad
Chair - IMWS

General Manager's Report

IMWS had another good year. Despite increased running costs of up to 25% in some areas and economic challenges, however, the committee members and IMWS team have worked tirelessly to make sure that we provide excellent services to our communities and bring new clients. We have taken a few major decisions; we have contracted HR and H&S expertise from a professional organization (Croner) to support and review the policies and procedures of IMWS (2023-2024 will be the last year of the CRONER contract as we are equipped to deal with the HR & H&S matters. This included carrying out an intense H&S survey of our premises by an external body and subsequently we had to invest a large sum to make sure that the Al-Hikmah Centre is a safer place to work, use and deliver community programmes.

We have revalued our building costs to get the right insurance, carried out an asbestos survey (no asbestos found in the buildings), comprehensive electrical checks and up-to-date certifications have been attained. IMWS team continuously seek quotations to keep the running costs to a minimum, especially in the current environment and will continue to do so.

IMWS is ambitious of another good year and seeking support from our community to provide the services expected from IMWS.

The decision has been taken to refurbish our first floor of the wedding hall, the works will commence in January 2024 for 5 months.

Key Achievements in the year

During the year the charity has continued its work in the following areas:

- The society provides Burial Services for its members and Non- members alike
- The Adult Learning Co-Ordinator organized several events related to women e.g. workshops on health topics, relaxation and spiritual enhancement.
- The Society has continued to provide women's **aerobic classes and men's keep-fit classes weekly.**
- IMWS continues to provide free Tajweed classes for our respected ladies.
- We have offered discounted rates to a variety of community organisations to provide valuable services i.e. antenatal services and youth activities
- The Society ran a successful **cricket coaching** course for children aged 12 to 18 years at the centre in partnership with the local organisation and continued to do so in the coming year
- The **IMWS Charity Fund** has continued to collect funds for humanitarian causes locally, nationally and internationally
- IMWS regularly donates funds to local organisations that provide valuable services to the local community. This year we donated to **Yorkshire Air Ambulance, Kirkwood Hospice, British Heart Foundation, McMillan Cancer** and the **Forget Me Not Children Hospice** directly and through Kirklees Mayor's Charity appeal
- The Society runs a Youth Group tackling issues affecting young people today and engaging with the wider community in partnership with local organisations.
- Regular events on **Inter-Faith** related issues have been held at the centre
- The Society provides a **venue** for various organisations to have team meetings, away days and training, this year, we have attracted set of new clients
- AL-Hikmah Centre has become a hub for BLOOD DONATION in North Kirklees
- The Society continues to invest in the **refurbishment** of its buildings and Assets.
- The Society provides an Electric Car Charging Point on Site.
- Held meeting with West Yorkshire Police Commissioner (Deputy Mayor West Yorkshire Combined Authority), Kirklees Divisional Commander Police, Mayor of West Yorkshire Combined Authority, Mayor of Kirklees, MP Batley and Spen, Kirklees Council and NHS to address local issues
- Continued to work closely with its seven affiliated organisations providing support.
- Held regular meetings with the KMC burial department
- To raise awareness, the Society published regular press releases and circulars in its trilingual publication Paigaam. This helped tremendously for people with limited English language Skills. To reduce the deficit and costs, the committee has decided to go online with Paigaam

- The society houses an NHS breast screening unit on site.
- Major H&S work completed and reviewed by external organisations every year
- Various meetings were organised with local and National Politicians to address the situation in GAZA
- Affiliated Madrasa Football Tournament
- Women in The Lead project will continue with the new name LIME LIGHT till 2025
- Gaza Fundraising: women and children fun day in conjunction with other organisations
- IMWS held HEALTH MEGA MELA to raise awareness around health 600 + members of the community attended the event
- IMWS Health event in Partnership with LOCALA
- IT suite has been upgraded old desktops replaced with 10 new laptops and a laser printer

Community & Learning Projects

Over the years, carefully planned adult learning courses at the Centre have been instrumental in helping many women and families to reconnect with learning and realise their potential. Not only have learners gained valuable skills, knowledge, confidence and even accreditation but they have also reported an improvement in their health and wellbeing and feel more connected to their community.

All our learners have successfully achieved their course outcomes for this academic year despite having to overcome many barriers to learning. Some have also taken their next steps and joined college courses or found volunteering opportunities.

We have been successful in mentoring 8 learners to become volunteers at the Centre from promoting community health messages to helping at events. This has been invaluable in developing our learning and wellbeing provision at the Centre.

This year we have also supported over 150 families and individuals in the community who have been affected by the cost of living crisis by distributing feminine hygiene kits, blankets, utility top-ups and support with household appliances.

We are continuing to provide excellent learning, and meaningful and enriching opportunities to build a broad range of transferable skills for the workplace and hope to build on this success in the coming year.

Courses & Projects Delivered:

Course Name	No of the learners completed the course
ESOL E1, E3, L1	36
Digital skills for work	12
Harmony social group	15
Introduction to sewing	10
ESOL with maths	24
Cooking with maths	12
Family cooking workshops	23
Budgeting skills	12
Maths for family learning	9
LIUK and B1 citizenship	10
Group/Activity	Volunteers recruited at IMWS
Harmony Group	4
Community Health Champions	4
Household Support Fund	Number of people supported (inc elderly, homeless, family struggling with the cost of living crisis, vulnerable adults)
Hygiene kits distributed	72
Blankets distributed	94
Help with utility bills	65
Help with household appliances	3
Community Health Champion campaigns	Number of people reached
Diabetes Awareness	164
Cervical Cancer Awareness	167
LIME LIGHT PROJECT 2023-2025	The project is funded by Tudor Trust in partnership with PERS for two years to empower local women

Nadeem Raja General Manager - IMWS



Islamic Relief presented the award to IMWS in recognition of the long-term support for humanitarian projects across the globe

Income & Expenditure

INCOME FROM UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	
Voluntary Income	£44,843
Activities for Generating Funds (Paigaam)	£10,984
Income from charitable Activities	£192,444
Other activities	£2,263
Total	£ 250,534

EXPENDITURE AGAINST UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	
Donation to charities	£1,100
Paigaam Costs	£22,956
Property Related Costs	£146,763
Management Costs	£76,327
Other Activities	£34,987
Total	£ 282,133

INCOME FROM RESTRICTED FUNDS	
Charity Appeals	£305,394
Grant and SLA	£35,798
Other activities (Burials)	£14,883
Total	£ 356,075

EXPENDITURE AGAINST RESTRICTED FUNDS	
Charity Appeal	£299,613
Projects & Management	£31,056
Other Activity Costs (Burial)	£15,562
Other Costs	£4,950
Total	£ 351,181

MONIES RAISED FOR HUMANITARIAN RELIEF (OCTOBER 2022 - SEPTEMBER 2023)

IMWS Charity Fund	£25,387
IMWS Iftaar Project (Syria)	£31,933
Gaza Charity Appeal	£53,050
South Gujarat Appeal	£1,465
Syria Appeal	£100
Morocco Earthquake Appeal	£19,629
Turkey & Syria Earthquake Appeal	£131,130
Sadaqatul Fitr (Yemen, Somalia)	£21,785
Libya Floods Appeal	£10,731
Pinderfield MRI Scanner Appeal	£7,594
Pakistan Floods Appeal	£2,590
Total	£305,394

WHERE WE HAVE PROVIDED HUMANITARIAN RELIEF 2022 - 2023

Gaza Appeal	£50,302
South Gujarat Scholarship	£16,000
Pakistan Flood Appeal	£3,000
Turkey & Syria Earthquake Appeal	£131,300
Iftaar Appeal (Syria)	£35,100
Sadqatul Fitr Yemen/Somalia	£22,000
Morocco Earthquake Appeal	£21,000
Libya Flood Appeal	£13,000
Bharuch Flood Appeal	£2,500
Mass Wedding India	£4,200
Other Expenses	£60
Hospital Gift	£151
Forget Me Not Coffee Morning	£1,000
Total	£299,613

INDIAN MUSLIM WELFARE SOCIETY
Statement of Financial Activities
For the year ended 30 September 2023

Charity No. 1067746

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds 2023 £	Restricted Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Income and endowments from:					
Donations	2	24,226	305,394	329,620	267,099
Charitable activities	3	155,088	50,681	205,769	222,121
Trading activities	4	71,220	--	71,220	58,667
Total Income		250,534	356,075	606,609	547,887
Expenditure					
<i>Expenditure on charitable activities:</i>					
Charity appeals	5	1,100	299,613	300,713	234,869
Paigaam costs	6	22,956	--	22,956	23,765
Property related costs	7	146,763	4,950	151,713	139,621
Project and centre management costs	8	76,327	31,056	107,383	100,615
Other activity costs	9	34,987	15,562	50,549	41,720
		282,133	351,181	633,314	540,590
Total expenditure		282,133	351,181	633,314	540,590
Net income/(expenditure) before transfers		(31,599)	4,894	(26,705)	7,297
Gross transfers between funds	18	--	--	--	--
Net movement in funds	11	(31,599)	4,894	(26,705)	7,297
<i>Reconciliation of Funds</i>					
Total funds brought forward		1,509,514	57,506	1,567,020	1,559,723
Total funds carried forward	18	1,477,915	62,400	1,540,315	1,567,020

INDIAN MUSLIM WELFARE SOCIETY
Balance Sheet
As at 30 September 2023

Charity No. 1067746

	Notes	Unrestricted General Fund 2023 £	Unrestricted Designated Funds 2023 £	Restricted Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2023 £	Prior Year Total 2022 £
Fixed Assets:						
Tangible Assets	14	8,872	892,390	--	901,262	920,770
Current Assets:						
Debtors	15	2,672	--	--	2,672	3,543
Cash at bank and in hand:	16					
IMWS Charity Fund		--	--	34,559	34,559	28,778
Other cash at bank and in hand		213,603	384,228	30,948	628,779	634,833
		<u>213,603</u>	<u>384,228</u>	<u>65,507</u>	<u>663,338</u>	<u>663,611</u>
Total Current Assets		<u>216,275</u>	<u>384,228</u>	<u>65,507</u>	<u>666,010</u>	<u>667,154</u>
Liabilities:						
Creditors falling due within one year	17	23,850	--	3,107	26,957	20,904
Net Current Assets		<u>192,425</u>	<u>384,228</u>	<u>62,400</u>	<u>639,053</u>	<u>646,250</u>
Total Assets less Current Liabilities		<u>201,297</u>	<u>1,276,618</u>	<u>62,400</u>	<u>1,540,315</u>	<u>1,567,020</u>
Net Assets		<u>201,297</u>	<u>1,276,618</u>	<u>62,400</u>	<u>1,540,315</u>	<u>1,567,020</u>
The funds of the charity:	18					
Restricted Income Funds		--	--	62,400	62,400	57,506
Unrestricted Income Funds		201,297	1,276,618	--	1,477,915	1,509,514
		<u>201,297</u>	<u>1,276,618</u>	<u>62,400</u>	<u>1,540,315</u>	<u>1,567,020</u>

The notes on pages 11 to 19 form part of these accounts.

Approved by the trustees on 15 December 2023 and signed on their behalf by:

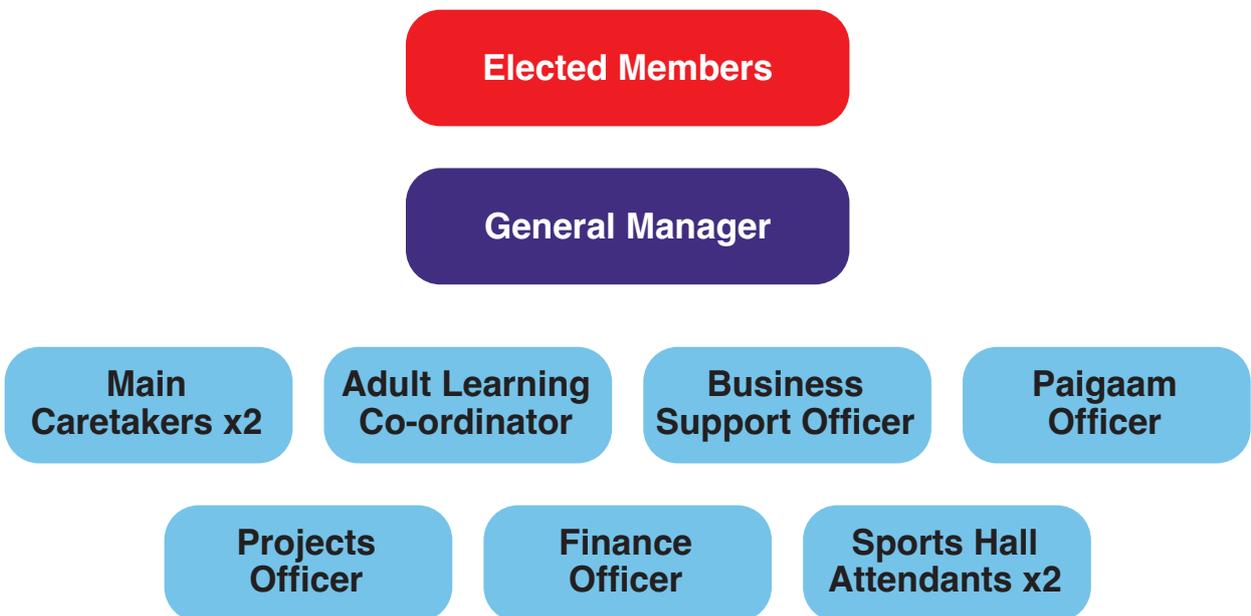


Trustee
Rafik Dabhad (Chair)



Trustee
Ismail E. Patel (Treasurer)

Organisational Structure



Management Structure

2022 -2023

INDIAN MUSLIM WELFARE SOCIETY (IMWS) Elected Executive Trustees

CHAIR	Rafik Dabhad*
VICE CHAIR	Mohammed Mulla
GENERAL SECRETARY	Hafez Ismail Suleman*
JOINT SECRETARY	Hussein Dharma*
TREASURER	Ismail E Patel
ASSISTANT TREASURER	Intekhab Alam S. Patel
ELECTED MEMBER	Ahmad Lunat OBE
ELECTED MEMBER	Aziz Daji
ELECTED MEMBER	Masum Karolia
ELECTED MEMBER	Mufti M. Pandor
ELECTED MEMBER	Ismail Imtiaz Patel
ELECTED MEMBER	Mohmad Hanif Mamniat*

* Term Ends

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MASJID-E-MAHMOODIYAH
Anjuman Zinatul Islam

Yunus Laher

MADINA MASJID
Mount Pleasant Islamic Trust
Ebrahim Karolia,
Ebrahim Laher, Rashid Soni

JAME MASJID
Islamic Cultural &
Welfare Association
Kasim Patel,
Ismail E Daji

ILAAHI MASJID
Hope Street
Mol Mohamed A Patel

MASJID NOORUL ISLAM
Snowdon
Yakub Badat

DAWATAL ISLAM
Soothill
Adam Ravat

MASJID-E-NOOR
Dark Lane
Hassan Loonat

Co-Opted Members

Ibrahim Mulla, M Saied Laher,
Ibrahim Chopdat, Mohammed Laher,
Jafar Daji, Saeed Loonat, Hafez Mahmood Patel

Property Trustees

Haji Fakir Daji, Haji Ebrahim I Patel, Haji Shabbir Kazi,
Haji Ebrahim Dockrat MBE

Membership Breakdown 2022

MPIT Madina Masjid	ICWA Henry Street	Masjid E Mahmoodiyah Taylor Street	Masjid E Noor Dark Lane	Noorul Islam Snowdon Street	Dawatal Islam Soothill	Ilaahi Masjid Hope Street	Total
766	590	320	251	226	188	133	2474

The Affiliated Organisations of the IMWS



Jame masjid
Islamic Cultural & Welfare
Association



Jumma Masjid
First IMWS Location



Madina masjid
Mount Pleasant



Masjid E-Mahmoodiya
Anjuman Zinatul Islam



Dawatul Islam
Soothill



Masjid & Madressah
Noorul islam



Masjid E-Noor & Madressah
Anwarul islam



Ilaahi Masjid & Madressa
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