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## Chairman's Forward

*All praise is due to Allah alone, Lord of all that exists. And may His peace and blessings be upon our noble Prophet, the final Messenger, Muhammad, and upon his family and companions.*

2010 at Green Lane Masjid and Community Centre (GLMCC) has been a busy and fruitful year, and all praise is due to Allah. Not only have we continued to build upon the success of 2009 by maintaining and increasing our regular activities, we have also raised vast sums of money for people affected by natural disasters around the world, as well as embarking upon some new and exciting projects. For this, we thank Allah first and foremost, and then thank our community for the continued support they have shown us.

Our regular classes and events continue to go from strength to strength. We held two very successful feature conferences, in the summer and winter respectively. Both were attended by internationally notable speakers and their success was attested to by the large attendances at both conferences. We continue to host national and international speakers on a regular basis and emphasis on our outreach da'wah work has also intensified. Non-Muslim open days and workshops for schools in the Masjid are now a regular activity.

August 2010 saw a disaster of epic proportions affect regions of Pakistan with widespread flooding throughout the country. By the grace of Allah, GLMCC was able to play its part in helping to bring relief to the affected people. Within a month, over £150,000 was raised and distributed to people in Pakistan, helping to rebuild their lives and livelihoods.

2010 also saw the beginning of the largest refurbishment project GLMCC has

ever seen in its history. The Community Hall and Old Masjid were in severe disrepair, and so a project estimating to cost around £1.3 million will see the complete refurbishment of these areas into a new boys secondary school, as well as overspill areas for the Masjid and classrooms for the Madrassah (evening school) and other events. Insha Allah, this project will be completed by summer 2012.

GLMCC is also reviewing its strategic direction and governance so as to better improve the way it operates and redefine its vision and objectives. This will be complete by the latter part of 2011 insha Allah.

As another year comes to an end, and we look forward to the start of a new year, with all the existing and ongoing projects, we are hopeful, with the help of Allah that we will continue to meet the needs of our community and offer the services they most require. For this we thank Allah, the Most High, without His aid nothing is possible. We also thank our management team, dedicated members of staff and the enthusiastic volunteers we are fortunate to have, as well as the wider community for their support and help.

**Mohammed Saeed**

Chair, Board of Trustees  
Green Lane Masjid & Community Centre

# Religious Services

## Daily Prayers

Green Lane Masjid and Community Centre has continued to expand in its congregational prayers. On average, throughout the 5 prayers on a daily basis, there is a congregation of around 500 people.



## Friday Prayers

Our largest weekly congregation is the Friday Prayer where this facility is pushed to its limits to accommodate worshippers. On average, we accommodate around 3000 people every Friday. During the holiday seasons the congregation expands throughout the entire building and overflows into the car park. At peak, we estimate a congregation of over 4000 worshippers at one time.



## Ramadan

Ramadan is a very busy time at GLMCC. In order to reflect the spiritual uplifting of the community, the Masjid tries its utmost to ensure that it provides a comfortable environment for worship. A small iftar (breaking fast) meal is provided daily for those who wish to break their fast in the Masjid. Extra volunteers are brought in to manage the added numbers that come for the nightly tarawih prayers, with attendees often filling all three halls and the car park. There is also provision made every year for brothers who wish to perform i'tikaf (seclusion) in the Masjid. Due to the large number of attendees in the Masjid for the tarawih prayers, short talks were delivered every night after the prayers. Although the talks were delivered at around 11.30pm, a large number of people attended and benefitted.

## Eid

In 2010, for both Eid's, we were required to replicate each prayer 3 times. Each prayer was in either English or Urdu and the facility was crammed with worshippers throughout the entire site for each prayer. We estimated a footfall of at least 12,000 worshippers for the Eid prayer.

# Educational Services

## Madrasah Salafiyah

There are currently 21 classes in total with around 250 pupils studying in the Madrasah. This includes boys and girls who are in Hifdh, nursery and level 1, 2 and 3 classes. The Madrasah holds weekly assemblies for the students, as well as regular parent's evenings to further strengthen the triangular bond between students, parents and teachers. The Madrasah employs over 20 teachers to support and educate the pupils. In 2010, the Madrasah had a number of achievements which can be split into two broad categories:



**Outreach:** Madrasah Salafiyah has benefited from links and partnerships with local educational cluster groups consisting of senior professionals from diverse educational backgrounds, various Islamic supplementary schools and local mainstream junior schools. This partnership has given Madrasah Salafiyah a much needed and welcome exposure to new experiences and opportunities, expanding the role that Green Lane Masjid plays in the community, hopefully opening up new pathways for the future.

Madrasah Salafiyah is fully accredited with Birmingham City Council. The City Council evaluates and accredits Madrasahs and supplementary schools across the Birmingham region.

**Events:** The year 2010 saw many activities and events taking place within the Madrasah as part of the ongoing drive to improve the running condition and raise overall standards. Key events included the following:

- Supplementary Schools Achievement Day 2010
- Literacy Project with Wyndcliffe School
- Saltley Plus House Madrasah Leaflet
- Road Safety Steward Scheme
- Cole Heath Cluster Affiliation
- Parents evening
- Dvd 'Faith Makes a Difference' and 'We're all Citizens' filmed at Madrasah Salafiyah.
- Cole Heath Cluster Art Project Dec 2010





### YU (Young Ummah) Challenge

In April, over 100 children attended the Young Ummah challenge – a competition where a number of activities are done in order to gain points, with the winning team - individuals receiving prizes

### SRE (Sex & Relationship Education) Workshop

In the summer, Young Ummah arranged possibly the first event of its kind in a UK masjid – sex and relationship education from an Islamic perspective. The objective of the workshop was to educate young Muslims about the concept of sex and relationships in Islam – and to start dealing with issues they were experiencing during this turbulent part of their lives.

### Mini Muslimahs Tarbiyah Programme

The event consisted of a workshop on Tawheed, Wudhu and prayer. Each workshop was activity based and each had a practical element to it. There was a story telling session catered for each age group. There was also a Qur'an competition. Activities included bracelet making, bouncy castle and a treasure hunt.



## Da'wah Work



At GLMCC, educating our community about their religion and calling others to the way of Allah is our top priority. By the grace of Allah, every year we aim to increase in our da'wah efforts and 2010 was, Alhamdulillah a year full of events and programmes.

A summary of the successful work propagated in 2010 are highlighted below:

- An excellent Summer Conference, attracting people from all over the UK. A good line up of popular speakers from all over the world. This conference has become a key annual event in the UK 'da'wah scene' and has helped to raise the profile of GLMCC significantly.
- A landmark winter conference, building on the success of last year's event. The main strength of this conference is the scholars who addressed the conference; the line-up was one of the best the UK has seen. An excellent turnout and a very successful event.
- Regular lectures and seminars by international speakers throughout the year.
- Due to the nature and frequency of the events, line up of speakers, subject matter addressed and the professional delivery of programmes, Green Lane Masjid has become a very significant part of Da'wah not only in Birmingham but in the UK as a whole. In fact people from mainland Europe have also attended some of the key events.
- A number of open days were organised at the Masjid targeting the local non-Muslim community. These proved to be very successful. A few of the attendees at these events actually embraced Islam, Alhamdulillah.
- As a result of the success of the Saturday evening themed lectures it was decided that a similar strategy should be employed to target the Urdu speaking community. The themed Urdu lectures take place every Friday evening and proved to be quite successful.
- The introduction of the Schools Project. Local schools were invited to attend the Masjid for an introduction to the Masjid, a brief outline of the tenets of Islam as well as a guided tour of the masjid and an opportunity to ask questions. The take up on this project was very good and the feedback very positive.

## Regular Classes

**Weekly** 2010 has focussed on the quality of regular events in order to provide the community with high quality, regular and interactive classes. Within the facility there is a regular class taking place every day of the week. The Masjid is full of regular classes taking place on a daily basis in a wide variety of languages and catering for the different segments of our community. GLMCC also holds a wide variety of classes for ladies with the aim of catering to their specific needs in a comfortable environment for them. The sisters committee provides weekly classes in Arabic, Tajweed, Qur'an and Hifdh, Islamic studies for reverts, Urdu Tafsir and Urdu Hadith.

**Fortnightly** The sisters youth club, 2nd and 4th Sunday of every month. The purpose of the youth club was to ensure that female youth used their time outside school, college and university constructively as well as develop key skills and gain vital knowledge to be able to aide themselves and others within their community.

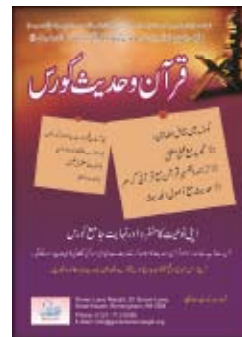
**Monthly** Monthly revert dinners that focused on fostering close ties with newly reverted sisters and offering support, friendship and Islamic knowledge.

**Tri-Monthly** Course which covers the basics of washing the deceased and common questions and possible states of the deceased and other such relevant matters are discussed. Also attendees are shown how to properly shroud the deceased and are given practical demonstrations and a chance to practice for themselves.

## Conferences

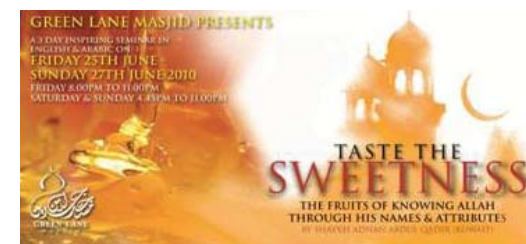
**Summer** - One of our largest annual events, the Summer conference is marketed throughout the UK, and it is targeted at the average Muslim. Attendees travelled from across Europe and it was aired globally with viewers from Australia to Canada all tuned in. An excellent line-up of world-class speakers was secured for this conference, making it one of the most high profile conferences in the UK in 2010. The conference was based on the theme of the character and personality of the Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him). Some of the lectures that were delivered at the conference were:

- The Prophet (peace be upon him) as a Mercy to Mankind
- Shaping the Future Generation
- The Prophet (peace be upon him) in times of Trials and Tribulations
- Perfection Personified
- The Generosity of the Prophet (peace be upon him)
- Brighter than the Moon
- Humbleness & Humility of the Prophet (peace be upon him)
- The Leader who Led by Example
- The Ultimate Calamity



**Winter** - A high profile line-up of scholars combined with a successful marketing strategy made this conference a huge success. In addition to the speakers from last year's conference two prominent scholars were invited: Sh. Sa'd Al-Shithri, a well-known scholar and former member of the Committee of Senior Scholars of Saudi Arabia and Sh. Abdullah Al-Shithri, the Vice-Chancellor of Imam Muhammad bin Sa'ud University, Riyadh. In spite of the extremely cold weather and snow the Masjid was filled to capacity. As well as a very large local turnout, large numbers of people attended this conference from all over the UK and Europe. Over 400 attendees slept overnight in the Masjid. In addition to an array of enlightening lectures, the programme also included some personal reflections of the scholars and a number of question and answer sessions. An additional feature of this conference was the inclusion of intensive study sessions with the scholars in which important texts were taught – these were scheduled for the mornings and were very beneficial and well-received. Over 9000 people viewed the live broadcast of the conference over the internet. Some of the subjects that were addressed in the conference were:

- Obstacles to Seeking Knowledge
- Etiquettes of Student of Knowledge
- The Rights of Scholars
- Practical Advice on Seeking Knowledge
- The Life of Ibn Taymiyyah
- How to Nurture the Next Generation of Students of Knowledge



**Taste the Sweetness Seminar** - towards the latter part of June GLMCC was honoured to once again welcome Sheikh Adnan Abdul Qadir from Kuwait. He delivered a well attended 3-day intensive seminar covering the subject of the effects of understanding the Names and Attributes of Allah and the impact that they have in the life of a believer. In his unique style Shaykh Adnan covered the following topics:

- Love of Allah
- Attaining the Pleasure of the Heart
- Reaching Human Perfection
- Being in Awe of Allah
- Trusting in Allah
- Abstinence from the World
- Hope and High Aspirations
- A Good End



# Community Services & Programmes



## Mother and toddlers group

This is an opportunity for mothers to network with other mothers and toddlers to have fun with toddlers.

## First aid courses

With an array of volunteers and staff GLMCC held a number of First Aid courses in order to equip the teams with essential First Aid knowledge and appropriate qualifications.

## Reverts dinner

GLMCC welcomes all to its numerous services and facilities. On a monthly basis, it welcomes all those who have recently embarked upon the blessed path of Islam. The reverts dinners not only include food from across the globe, but also educational, inspirational and supportive lectures.



## Road and fire safety day

West Midlands Fire Service and Birmingham City Council's Road Safety Team were working in partnership to stage a Fire and Road Safety event at the Green Lane Masjid. This year's event was in light of the four teenagers that passed away in a tragic accident in Birmingham's Moseley area. A mock road accident was staged to show what the emergency services have to do when they attend situations where people are trapped in their vehicles, due to dangerous driving. The West Midlands Fire Service teamed up with colleagues from Birmingham City Council Road Safety team, to talk about road safety to the congregation that attended the event. The emergency service worked together to promote safety and security, the following organizations took part in the event:

- Birmingham City Council Road Safety
- West Midlands Fire Service
- West Midlands Ambulance Service
- West Midlands Police
- British Transport Police
- The British Heart Foundation
- NHS

## Deaf services

Throughout 2010 GLMCC has tapped into an audience which has been slightly neglected. The congregational Friday prayer attracts individuals who are either hard of hearing or deaf from around England. After recognising the efforts of these individuals we expanded our services for this community to other Islamic classes held on a Friday to make their experience here even more enjoyable as well as informative.

## Sister's lounge

Provides a more relaxed atmosphere for females of all ages to network and socialise in a comfortable atmosphere.

## Iftar (Evening meal during Ramadan)

In Ramadan the community begins to attach themselves further to the Mosque. At GLMCC we worked hard to accommodate the evening meal to open the fast everyday of the month. There was a real community feel as over 200 people would attend and some would bring snacks originating from around the globe.



# Adult & Youth Recreational Activities



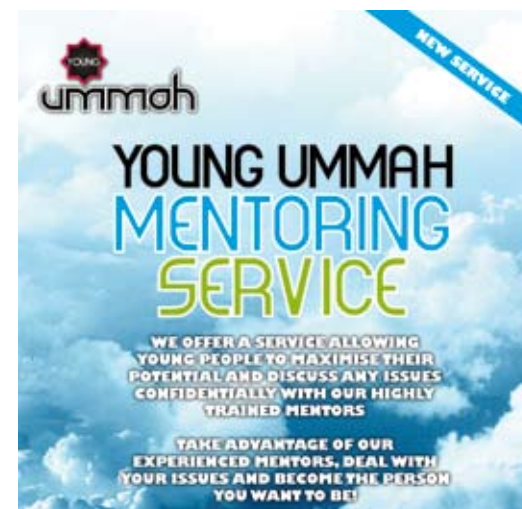
## Chill Out

February saw the launch of the Youth Club under the title "Chill Out". Investment / donations meant the youth club purchased two games consoles, two table tennis tables, two pool tables, an air hockey table, one table football and a selection of board games. The first few months were very busy, with almost 200 different children using the service.



## Mentoring Service

Following on from the SRE workshop, a mentoring service was launched where young Muslims could talk one to one in confidence about their day to day issues with a qualified mentor. The project is to be run in stages, with a pilot being done for a number of months to see the level of demand. This was the first YU project that catered for both brothers and sisters at the same time. Training for both groups of mentees was done together and the service is available to both also. We hope the community will benefit from this service in 2011 insha-Allah.



## Temptation, Temptation, Temptation

girls week youth club – a week long youth programme for 14 – 19 year old girls, aimed at providing Islamic knowledge to state schools Muslim girls in a unique way.



## Thai Boxing

An average of thirty children attended the classes every week throughout the year. This activity remains an important activity in the YU portfolio, providing an opportunity for the children to improve their fitness while at the same time learning self-defence.





# Building & Facilities

## Building

Being a landmark site to Birmingham, the Grade 2 listed building in which we're housed requires additional attention in its maintenance and upkeep. A variety of sustainable methods have been implemented and with crime on a rise we have also improved our security systems and controls.



## Accommodation

GLMCC has a number of studio flats which are available for rent to bring in income for the Masjid, as well as to provide people with a safe and comfortable living environment.



## Reference library and IT suite

We also offer a fully equipped reference library and IT suite which is open for all. The library contains works in Arabic, English and Urdu. As well as being open for public use, the library is also utilised for regular classes.

## Funeral

The funeral facility provides an essential service helping community members complete the funeral rites correctly at this difficult time.



## Refurbishment/GLIS

GLMCC has embarked upon a project to refurbish the Community Hall and the Old Masjid into a boy's secondary school, overspill area for the Masjid as well as classrooms for the Madrasah and other events. Insha Allah the work will begin in 2011 and be completed by summer 2012.

# Outreach Work



At GLMCC we have a dedicated department who focus on the integration and outreach work within the community locally, nationally and internationally. This involves the involvement in various Think tanks as well as the cooperation with all the emergency services and local politicians.

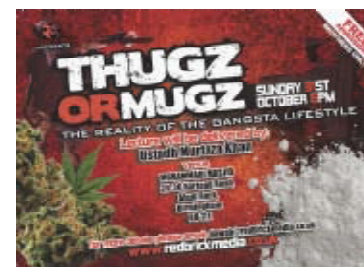
## Grand Iftar

Alhamdulillah over the last three years GLMCC Iftar has been very successful inviting Muslims and non-Muslims guests, imams, other faith leaders, councillors and members of the Muslim community to join GLMCC in opening of the Iftar in the blessed month of Ramadan. We had over 50 guests attending the Iftar, and in total we had over 75 people attending which included Imams, members of the various committees and some volunteers.



## Multimedia

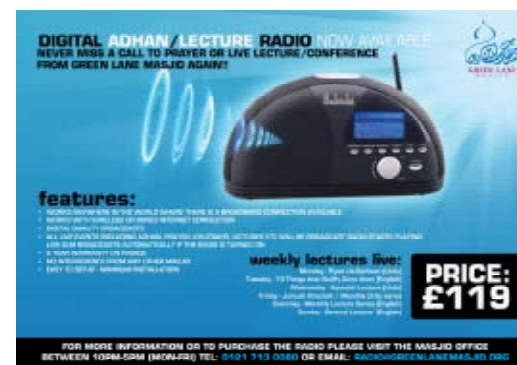
**Thugs and mugs:** GLMCC decided to spread its wings further within the community and tackle core community issues using the media as a tool. A neutral location and a hard hitting lecture aimed at the youth which was entitled 'Thugz or Mugz' was delivered tackling gun crime and gang culture. The event was such a hit that the community got together to reproduce over 17,000 copies of the lecture for free distribution.



**GLM Shop:** provides a variety of products for sale to the public. These include exclusive releases of lectures or other audio, snacks, books and on the odd occasion homemade cakes.



**Nabishi:** In December 2010 the media committee launched its new internet radio system which broadcasts live every broadcast from the Masjid, into any household which has purchased the radio and has a broadband connection.



**Social Sites:** Social networking sites such as Facebook and also Video Sharing sites such as YouTube are also utilised to help promote events using custom made video promos. One example of this in 2010 was the 'Thugz or Mugz' Video Promo which had over 23,000 viewings.





# Social Welfare



## Pakistan Flood Appeal

In August 2010, when the devastating floods affected many lives and damaged much property in Pakistan, many worshippers encouraged Green Lane Masjid to launch an appeal for the flood victims. Green Lane Masjid and Community Centre decided that it would take ensure the money was properly distributed via a reputable and registered charity. The money was subsequently transferred to Ar-Rahmah Trust, a UK based charity with considerable work in Pakistan. Ar-Rahmah Trust allowed GLMCC input into the allocation and distribution of funds. On the 12th night of Ramadan it was announced to all the worshippers that it would appoint the funds via them and members of this community would also join the relief work in Pakistan. Consequently, the donations increased and within five days, the collection target of £150,000 was achieved.

For the same cause, GLMCC also organised a fundraiser called, 'The Rainbow after the Rainfall: Pakistan Fundraiser'. 500 attendees took part in the event which was aimed at raising funds for the recent flooding in Pakistan. The fundraiser included Qur'an recitation and introduction; a children's section consisting of face painting, balloon modelling, and a bouncy castle. The animal show with an 'Animal lady' was also a successful addition to the programme that young children enjoyed. This along with the stalls section was operational throughout the programme. The auction as well as pledges was the last feature of the day followed by dinner.

The support of the community towards this project and the enormous generosity shown is a testament to the goodwill of the congregation who attend Green Lane Masjid. There is no doubt that the extraordinary sacrifice that the community made in making donations for this cause will not pass unnoticed and they will be rewarded for the charitable actions made.

## Ramadan Collections

With Ramadan being an exciting month for the Centre and the community a large focus went onto fundraising, not only for GLMCC but also other external charities. These charities ranged from places of worship, community centres and foreign relief agencies.

## Zakat ul-Fitr

Zakat ul-Fitr is charity given to the poor towards the end of the fasting month of Ramadan. Over £20,000 was raised and then divided through relief agencies to countries such as Palestine, Pakistan, India, Kenya, Eretria, Bangladesh, Sudan and Somalia.



# Financial Statement

Green Lane Masjid & Community Centre (A company limited by guarantee) | Registered Number: 06552666

Consolidated statement of financial activities (incorporating income and expenditure account) for the year ended 31 December 2010

	Restricted Funds	Unrestricted Funds	Total Funds	Total Funds
	Year ended 31 December 2010	Year ended 31 December 2010	Year ended 31 December 2010	Year ended 31 December 2009
	£	£	£	£
<b>Incoming Resources</b>				
Donations	391,850	328,661	720,511	454,970
Sales of books, CDs & DVDs	-	49,076	49,076	32,556
Rental income and service charges	-	31,420	31,420	32,875
Masjid projects	-	12,442	12,442	935
Education (Dawah / Madrasah) projects	-	52,870	52,870	58,512
Youth & children projects	-	1,313	1,313	1,614
Other incoming resources	-	4,036	4,036	360
<b>Total incoming resources</b>	<b>391,850</b>	<b>479,818</b>	<b>871,668</b>	<b>581,822</b>
<b>Resources expanded</b>				
Costs of generating voluntary income	-	2,172	2,172	2,702
Fundraising trading: cost of goods sold	-	19,322	19,322	20,974
Investment management expenses	-	4,204	4,204	1,780
Masjid projects	135,192	166,116	301,308	354,046
Education (Dawah & Madrasah) projects	-	200,760	200,760	129,892
Youth and children projects	-	3,451	3,451	942
Governance costs	-	15,302	15,302	5,750
<b>Total incoming resources</b>	<b>135,192</b>	<b>411,327</b>	<b>546,519</b>	<b>516,086</b>
<b>Net income before transfers</b>	<b>256,658</b>	<b>68,491</b>	<b>325,149</b>	<b>65,736</b>
Transfers between funds	(320)	320	-	-
<b>Net movements in funds for the year</b>	<b>256,338</b>	<b>68,811</b>	<b>325,149</b>	<b>65,736</b>
Total funds at 1 Jan 2010	38,841	353,906	392,747	327,011
<b>Total funds at 31 Dec 2010</b>	<b>295,179</b>	<b>422,717</b>	<b>717,896</b>	<b>392,747</b>

## Trustee's Statement

These summary financial statements are not statutory financial statements. We confirm that the information contained in the summary financial statements is taken from the audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2010 and includes details relating to both the Consolidated Statement of Financial Activities and the Consolidated Balance Sheet. The full financial statements were approved and signed by the Trustees on 27 August 2011 and will soon be submitted to the Charity Commission and to Companies House. They received an unqualified audit report and copies can be obtained from Green Lane Masjid and Community Centre.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees:

M Saeed  
Trustee

M A Hanif  
Trustee

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Consolidated balance sheet as at 31 December 2010

	2010 £	2009 £
<b>Fixed assets</b>		
Tangible fixed assets	262,718	233,506
<b>Current assets</b>		
Stocks	5,006	2,043
Debtors	40,968	36,590
Cash at bank and in hand	446,663	176,784
	<b>492,637</b>	<b>215,417</b>
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	<b>(37,459)</b>	<b>(56,176)</b>
<b>Net Current assets</b>	<b>455,178</b>	<b>159,241</b>
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>	<b>717,896</b>	<b>392,747</b>
<b>Funds</b>		
Restricted funds	295,179	38,841
Unrestricted funds	422,717	353,906
	<b>717,896</b>	<b>392,747</b>

## Independent Auditors' Statement to the members of Green Lane Masjid and Community Centre

We have examined the summary financial statements of Green Lane Masjid and Community Centre for the year ended 31 December 2010 which comprise the Consolidated Statement of Financial Activities and Consolidated Balance Sheet.

## Respective responsibilities of Trustees and auditors

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Annual Report in accordance with United Kingdom Law.

Our responsibility is to report to you our opinion on the consistency of the Summary Financial Statements within the Annual Report with the Full Annual Financial Statements and the Trustees' Report, and its compliance with the relevant requirements of section 427 of the Companies Act 2006 and the regulations made thereunder. We also read the other information contained in the Annual Report and consider the implications for our report if we become aware of any apparent misstatements or material inconsistencies with the Summary Financial Statements.

Our report has been prepared pursuant to the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 and for no other purpose. No person is entitled to rely on this report unless such a person is entitled to rely upon this report by virtue of and for the purpose of the Companies Act 2006 or has been expressly authorised to do so by our prior written consent. Save as above, we do not accept responsibility for this report to any other person or for any other purpose and we hereby expressly disclaim any and all such liability.

## Basis of Opinion

We conducted our work in accordance with Bulletin 2008/3 'The auditor's statement on the Summary Financial Statements in the United Kingdom' issued by the Auditing Practices Board. Our report on the charity's and groups full annual financial statements describes the basis of our audit opinion on those financial statements and on the Trustees report.

## Opinion

In our opinion the Summary Financial Statements are consistent with the Full Annual Financial Statements and Trustees' report of Green Lane Masjid and Community Centre for the year ended 31 December 2010 and complies with the applicable requirements of section 427 of the Companies Act 2006, and the regulations made thereunder.