




GREEN LANE MASJID
& COMMUNITY CENTRE

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Annual Report

2021

An aerial photograph of a city street during the golden hour. On the left, a large brick church with a tall, dark spire and a long, light-colored roof extension is visible. To its right is a large, modern supermarket with a grey roof and a sign that reads 'Morrisons'. The street is filled with cars parked in lots and on the sides. The sun is low in the sky, creating a warm, orange glow over the entire scene.

The **places of worship** are [only] for **God (Allah)**, so do not **invoke anyone** besides Him.

[Qur'an, 72:18]



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OVERVIEW

Message from Our Chair of Trustees



Assalamu alaykum (peace be upon you),

For the past 14 years, I have been blessed to be involved in the management of Green Lane Masjid as Chair of Trustees and 2021 was no different. 2021 was the year of the aftermath of the Covid pandemic. The return to some semblance of normality, led to a return of many of our mosque activities. The mosque is not only a spiritual hub but also a social one, which for many Muslims enhances their worship and connection to the community.

Alongside our daily prayers, Friday sermons and other social and welfare activities, many were relieved at the return of Taraweeh prayers at the mosque in Ramadan. With Covid measures in place, the community was able to come to the mosque to benefit from the communal worship during Ramadan, which everyone had missed since 2019.

In the post-Covid era, Alhamdulillah, by the Grace of God, we were able to adapt our services to offer both onsite and online activities, to connect the people to the mosque in a way that was not possible pre-Covid. We at the mosque, as well as the community, are more appreciative of the benefits of online content and courses.

Allah says in the Qur'an,

'Put your trust in the Almighty, Most Merciful'

The team of over 100 staff and volunteers at the mosque, showed their trust in Allah and dedicated their efforts to the mosque, despite the uncertainty surrounding the pandemic and these trying times.

I am grateful to Allah first and foremost, for the opportunity to be involved in inspiring, educating and serving the community, and secondly to all our staff, volunteers, community and partners, who make the work at the mosque a reality. Thank you to everyone who supports us and has patience with us, during these unprecedented times.

May Allah bless the work and efforts of all who make it possible to serve the community and the mosque.

Mohammed Saeed
Mohammed Saeed

Message from Our CEO



Assalamu alaykum (peace be upon you),

GLMCC is ultimately an organisation that has built its reputation on following the Quran and sunnah (the prophetic way). With that comes a lot of responsibility - in ensuring that these are not just words but a culture that we live and exemplify.

Our vision is to instil God into people's lives. That is at the heart of what we do. A God-consciousness that pushes everyone to be better. We look to instil morals and values in ourselves, our children and our communities.

The prophet Muhammad (pbuh) said, 'I have come to complete the best of manners.'

Ultimately, as an educational institute, we are building character. Through good character, through instilling good morals and values, we can remove a lot of the ills in our society, especially in our youth. Whether that's violent crime, drug abuse, anti-social behaviour, or even the litter that we see on our streets. All these things can be alleviated through the teaching of good values.

Alhamdulillah, we continue to grow as an organisation and can now see the impact that GLMCC is having at both a local and national level. We are constantly trying to innovate and expand the way we serve our communities.

This report is a moment to take stock and reflect on what we've done. As you read through it, you'll get a glimpse of all the incredible work that was carried out in 2021.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you - our supporters, donors, partners, staff and volunteers. Those of you who support us through your words, actions and donations.

The Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) said, 'One who does not show thankfulness to people, will not be thankful to God.'

We could not have achieved this immense output without the support of Allah through yourselves. I pray that Allah, may He be glorified, weighs all the work of this Masjid heavily on your scale of good deeds. Ameen.

Kamran Hussain
Kamran Hussain

Our Work & Our Vision

YOUTH & SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

Sports Sessions **Youth Club**
Social Gatherings **Scouts**
Female Only Events

WELFARE SERVICES

Financial Support Advice Surgeries
Community Projects **Food Provision**
Health Clinics

DAWAH & OUTREACH

Public Outreach **Online Videos**
Chaplaincy Conferences **Lectures** Khutbas
University ISOC Support

EDUCATION

Online & Onsite Madrasah
Adult Education College **Women's Development**
Adults & Childrens Holiday Programmes

HUMANITARIAN

Taskforce GLM Community Work
Charity Dinners **Social Campaigns**
Fundraisers

RELIGIOUS SERVICES

Prayers & Jumu'ah **Ramadan & Eid**
Islamic Services Nikah Services

GOD IN THE
LIVES OF PEOPLE.

An aerial photograph of a city, likely London, showing a dense urban landscape with various buildings, parking lots filled with cars, and a large stadium in the background. A large, semi-transparent yellow '2021' is overlaid across the center of the image. The image has a warm, golden-hour color palette.

2021

Islamic Relief Food Distribution

Teams of volunteers from GLMCC and Islamic Relief UK came to the Masjid to prepare food parcels for the most vulnerable in the city. The food parcels contained food items for 2,000 meals and were distributed to the homeless, Food Bank users, Zakat applicants, asylum seekers, refugees and domestic abuse victims - both Muslims and non-Muslims.

“Let there be a group among you who call others to goodness, encourage what is good, and forbid what is evil - it is they who will be successful”

[Qur'an 3:104]

University Islamic Society Dawah

The Dawah department increased efforts to support university Islamic Societies with online activities. Activities started in January with a 40 Hadith series, a virtual ISOC speaker tour with Shaykh Waleed Basyouni, regular talks, Dawah training and more. Later in March, there was a further ISOC tour, courses and workshops with renowned speakers, including Shaykh Sajid Umar, Shaykh Yahya Ibrahim and others.



Educational Classes

Our Education department commenced its new term in January. Over the academic year, we deliver almost 30 classes a week on Tajweed, Arabic, Fiqh, Aqeedah and Hadith, with almost 1,000 unique students. Our women's Tarbiyah side also runs women's only courses. In January they delivered their annual Bow Down course on the Islamic prayer and continued with their regular classes throughout the year.



**Also
This Month**

Lockdown Restrictions

Reassuringly, the 6th of January government announcement of the latest lockdown measures, allowed faith institutes to remain open for congregational prayers.

Land Purchase

Alhamdulillah, with the activities and services of the Masjid growing every year, we desperately require space to expand. At the end of February, we started proceedings to secure the purchase of Hawksmill Industrial Estate, next to the Masjid. In early March, at a final cost of £450k, we eventually purchased the land, AllahuAkbar!



Youth Club

Our youth clubs for boys and girls continued throughout the pandemic with Covid restrictions. Our clubs were some of the few that remained open during lockdown due to the support they provide to vulnerable youth of one of the most deprived areas in the city.



Funeral Service

The GLM Funeral Service provides a much needed service for the community. In January we managed seven community funerals. On the whole, we averaged about 2 funerals a week during 2021. A doubling of demand in comparison to pre-Covid times.



Vaccination Centre

In early March, we partnered with Masters Pharmacy to open a vaccination centre in our community hall. The Masjid provided a safe space for those seeking to take the vaccine and provided a screened area for women who needed privacy. On the busiest days, hundreds of people were vaccinated.

The vaccination centre welcomed Muslims and non-Muslims, with many non-Muslims visiting a Masjid for the first time.

MARCH

Launch of The Online Qur'an Institute

Our Online Qur'an Institute was launched in March to help people improve their recitation of the Qur'an. The online lessons were easily accessible and could be booked to work around people's schedules. Webinars were held to promote the service with over 100 registrations for some of the Tajweed webinars delivered by our Head Imam.



Domestic Violence Support Worker Employed

In March, we took the decision to employ a Domestic Violence Support Worker, funded by Islamic Relief. To raise awareness, we also recorded podcasts and filmed educational videos to support the campaign.



Weekend Courses

Pre-Covid we ran regular weekend courses which were very popular and attracted over 200 attendees per course. In March we eventually restarted, with our first weekend course in over a year. Dr Ahsan Hanif covered Al-Bukhari's Book of Fasting to prepare everyone for the coming month of Ramadan.



Virtual Mosque Tour

We accommodate a high number of requests from schools around the West Midlands to visit the Mosque. In 2021 we accommodated 30 school visits. With Covid, we also developed a virtual tour so that schools could continue to benefit without having to physically visit the Mosque.



Covid RAMADAN

In 2020, the Masjid was not open for Ramadan due to the Covid pandemic. This year we were able to open for Taraweeh prayers with limited capacity and strict Covid measures. We created an online registration app and held two congregations every night to accommodate all the worshippers. The community was relieved that they could return to worship in the Masjid.

APR

Ramadan Revolution

This year we launched a major Ramadan campaign to help people connect with the Qur'an, which was reflected by the slogan, 'one page at a time.' A daily Tafseer programme, reminders, video series and courses facilitated people's Ibadah over the month.



TFGLM Humanitarian Work

Over £1m was raised over Ramadan by the Task Force team. Three major campaigns were pushed over Ramadan - Peanut paste for malnourished Yemeni children, shelters for Rohingya refugees and a Bread project for Syrian refugees.

Also This Month

Kids Ramadan Programme

We launched a number of activities to prepare children for Ramadan, including courses, a poetry competition, a poster competition and a Du'a challenge.



Eid Al Fitr

Typically, our annual Eid in the Park event sees an attendance of over 60,000 people. As a safety measure, and to avoid such a large gathering following the pandemic, we held 6 congregational Eid prayers in the Masjid to accommodate the high numbers.

Our welfare department also visited Heartlands Hospital in conjunction with Aman Solicitors to hand out sweets and gifts to sick children.

MAY

Interfaith Events

At GLMCC we attend and also host a range of interfaith visits every year. In May, one of our Imams spoke at a racism and equality event at the University of Birmingham. The event was attended by people of all faiths.



Podcasts & Panel Discussions

The Dawah and media teams produced interesting and relevant podcasts on topics of marriage, divorce, racism and Muslim athletes. We also began to host key panel discussions to discuss pertinent topics academically, while also being accessible, engaging and thought-provoking for the general public.



**Also
This Month**

Kids Football Club

After Ramadan, our weekly kids football club was back, led by our volunteer coaches. This was the first year the teams competed in leagues and tournaments.

Khutbas & Lectures

We delivered almost 250 Jumu'ah Khutbas (Friday sermons) at GLM and across the Midlands. After a long period of restrictions, lectures resumed in the Masjid. In total, we deliver over 200 lectures onsite at GLM every year, with most streamed online.

We also make a huge number of studio recordings, with some of our most viewed videos achieving hundreds of thousands of views.



Prophet Ibrahim

Peace be Upon Him

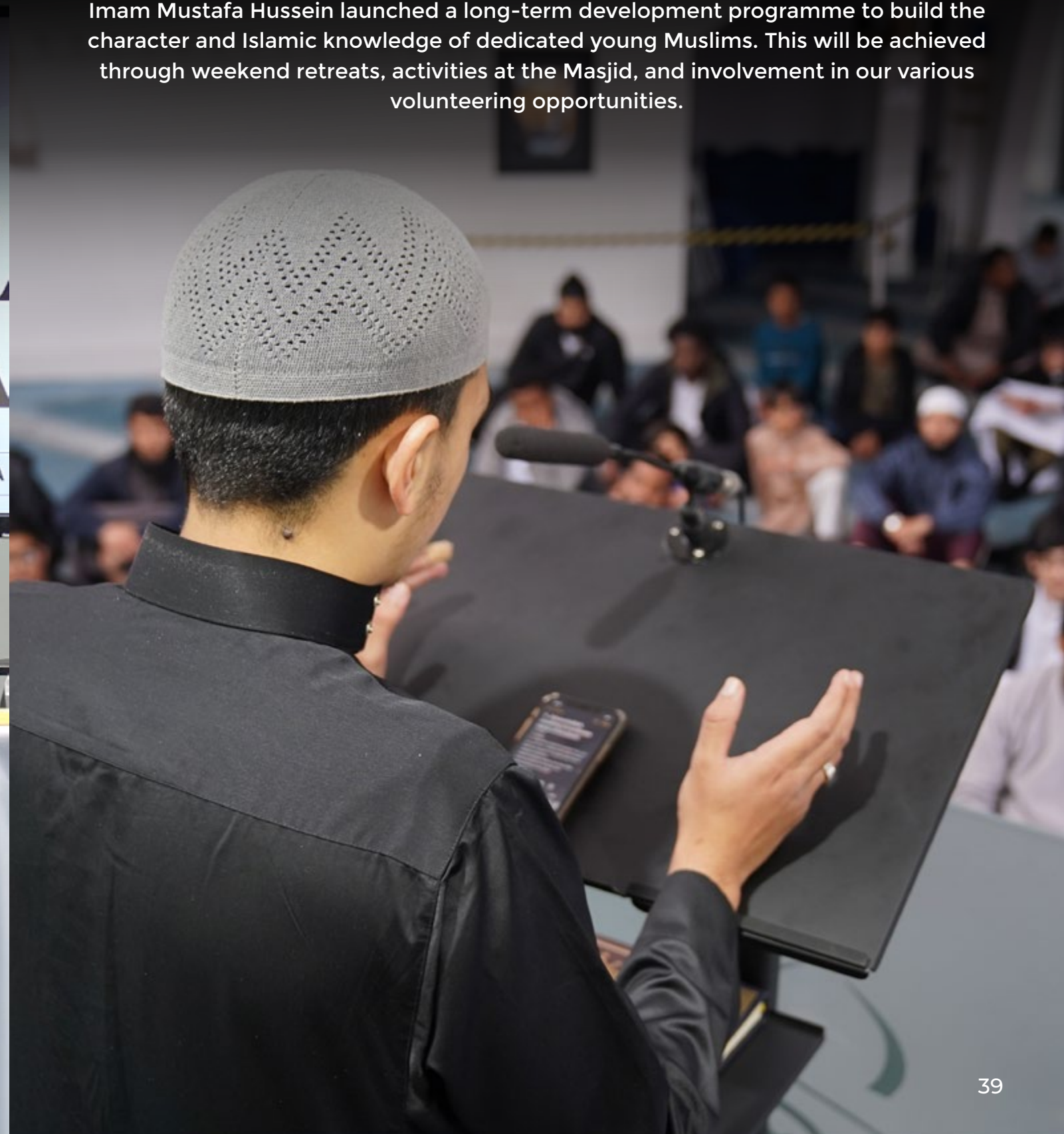
Weekend Course

In preparation for Dhul Hijjah, the final month of the lunar calendar, Dr Ahsan Hanif delivered a course on the story of Ibrahim (peace be upon him) and the key lessons that can be derived from his life.



Youth Tarbiyah Programme

Imam Mustafa Hussein launched a long-term development programme to build the character and Islamic knowledge of dedicated young Muslims. This will be achieved through weekend retreats, activities at the Masjid, and involvement in our various volunteering opportunities.



Eid Al Adha at Edgbaston

For Eid al Adha this year we had the brilliant opportunity to partner with the Edgbaston Foundation to run an Eid event on their grounds. 500 people attended this 'pilot' event – the very first of its kind!

Back at the Masjid, the Islamwise team were also busy arranging a lunch and gifts for around 100 new Muslims who often struggle without families on Eid. It was a warmly welcomed event after the pandemic.

The welfare team once again distributed gifts to sick children, this time at Birmingham Children's Hospital. The activity was also supported by our partner, Aman Solicitors.

Eid Qurbani Distribution

Working with a number of charities including Islamic Relief and Muslim Aid, as well as our own Zakat department, we distributed Qurbani meat locally to hundreds of needy people, including the homeless, Food Bank users and Zakat applicants.



Summer Education Programme

Every Summer our Education department runs a number of activities and courses for both children and adults.

Our Summer school was up and running for the second year. Open for four weeks, four days a week, there were hundreds of children in attendance. This year we also held a separate kids Hifdh summer programme for the first time. For adults we held our annual full-time 6 week Arabic course, along with other courses over the Summer.



Faith Line

A new service was launched by the Dawah team in late July, to support youth and individuals struggling to find answers to questions about faith. The hotline provided a free confidential service where callers could speak to a qualified Imam. Later on in the year, a Doubts course was launched for the youth to provide further support in this area.



Summer Youth Programme

Alhamdulillah, we now employ a youth worker who has been arranging events for the youth. Over the summer, activities included a youth trek, go-karting, rock climbing, Masjid sleepovers, workshops, a visit to Manchester United Football Club, as well as our weekly boys and girls youth clubs.



Macmillan Partnership

Macmillan Cancer Support made the landmark decision to fund a community cancer engagement role at GLMCC. This is the first time Macmillan have partnered with a faith organisation to fund and support a role like this.

We hope this partnership will help create greater cancer awareness, and improve some of the health inequalities we witness within the BAME community.

AUGUST

Masjid Outreach

Every year we host a number of Mosques, organisations and academics who wish to learn from our operations, services and activities. In 2021 we were visited by Mosques across the country as well as academics from various universities, many of whom used us as a case study for their research.



Hot Food Distribution to Food Bank

Our Food Bank users were given hot meals with around 400 people benefiting. The Food Bank is used by those in need, including both Muslims and non-Muslims.



Also This Month

Faith In Action Event

We held an inaugural Masjids' Eid event attended by over 20 Mosques and key dignitaries. This event showcased the contribution of the Muslim community over the pandemic.

Return of Onsite Madrasah

The GLM Madrasah was moved online for over a year due to the pandemic. Alhamdulillah, it was a great relief for both children and teachers to return onsite in September. 300 children returned onsite whilst the online Madrasah continued with a further 300 children.

The Madrasah is integral to character development, as well as the social and spiritual growth of young Muslim children.

SEPTEMBER

BMS Launch

British Muslim Students (BMS), a project of GLMCC was launched at the beginning of the academic year to provide Muslim students with pastoral support, mentoring, Dawah training and access to a wide range of services through their university years.

Students
Presents



Re- Charge

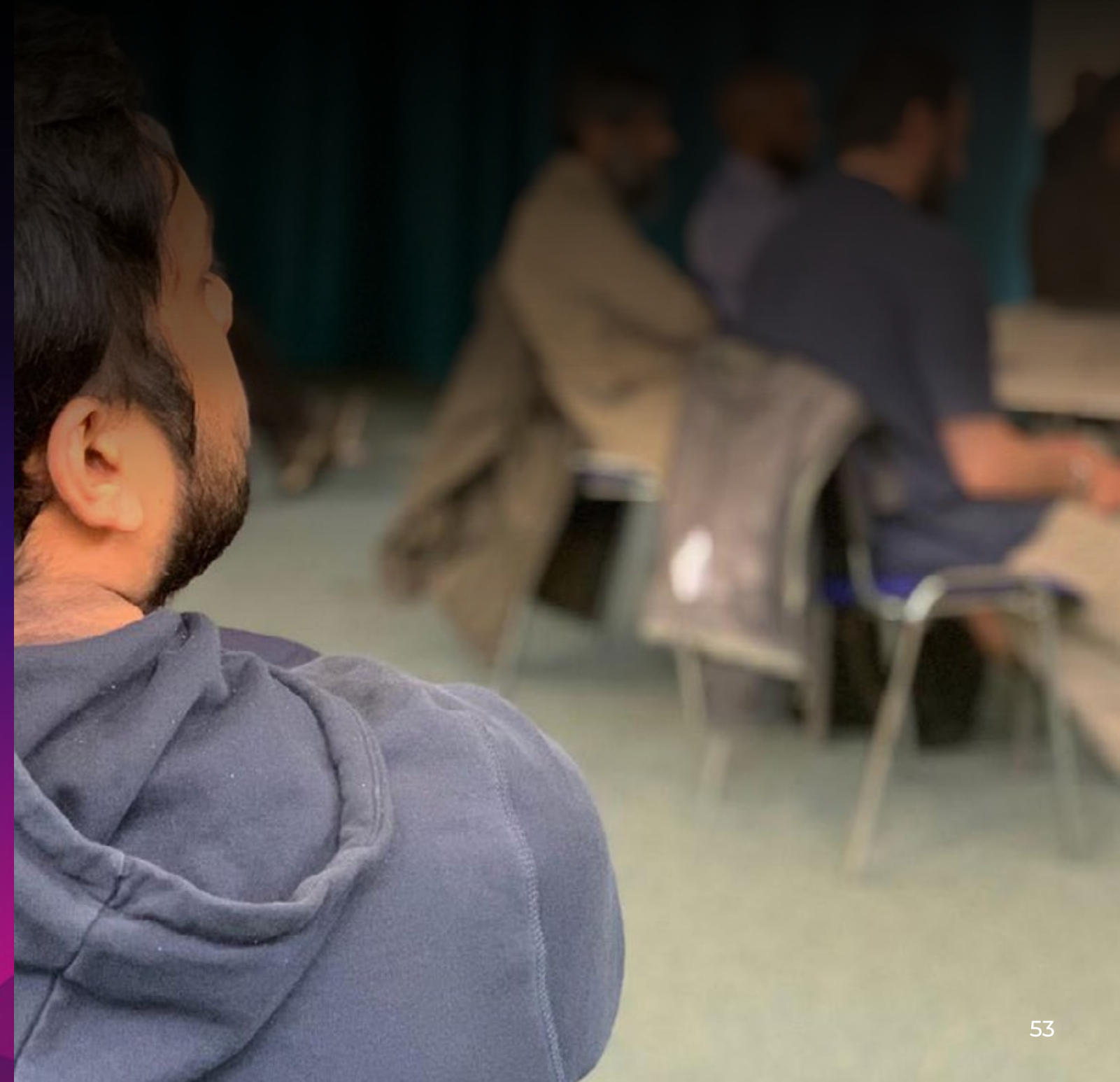
THE ULTIMATE MASJID EXPERIENCE
for Students

- Reminders
- Activities
- Sisters only Session
- Socialising
- Fun & Engaging



Annual Staff Strategy Day

Our annual strategy day for the GLMCC team was hosted off-site at the University of Birmingham. The day presents a wonderful opportunity for staff to bond, gain a deeper understanding of the work of other departments and the strategic vision and future plans of the Masjid.



Masjid Refurbishment

Our award winning Grade 2 listed building requires a lot of care and attention. In September we had a major refurbishment of our heating and boiler system, costing almost £20k. Over the course of the year, we spend a considerable amount on the upkeep of the building. This year, our Operations department were busy repairing roof leaks, refurbishing offices, completing a building survey, updating the studio, as well as refurbishing parts of the residential area. Over the course of a year, the Operations team completes hundreds of internal and external repairs and maintenance activities around the building.



Stakeholder Meetings

Every month we hold meetings with key individuals to agree strategic objectives and common areas of work. For example, in September we met up with the Uyghur World Council Leader, Macmillan Executive Team, the Mayor of the West Midlands, Warwickshire Cricket Club CEO, Mercy Mission CEO and attended key community meetings.



Clouded Minds Conference

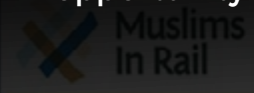
With many young Muslims confused and doubtful of their faith, this conference clarified many common doubts through interactive workshops, lectures and Q&A sessions. The conference built on an ongoing campaign of addressing doubts amongst the youth, with our Doubts Helpline and Doubts Course, which were launched earlier in the year.

Many people benefited spiritually from this conference with increased faith and certainty.

OCTOBER

Muslims In Rail Job Fair

We hosted a Muslims in Rail careers fair for the first time, with a wide range of companies, such as Network Rail, HS2, Balfour Beatty and others. This was a great opportunity for young people to network and build connections to help inform their career decisions.



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STUDENTS, APPRENTICES, GRADUATES

Careers Fair

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Plus more

Knife Crime Videos

In 2019, 17 year old Abdullah was tragically stabbed and murdered in a local park. We interviewed his father and brother about this heart-wrenching event. Abdullah was a regular at GLMCC, along with his brother and father. The interviews were published as short videos on YouTube, highlighting the emotional devastation and destruction caused by knife crime.



**Also
This Month**

Coffee Mornings

Alhamdulillah, after a huge break due to the pandemic, our weekly women's Coffee Mornings returned back onsite, with over 40 women attending each week!

Gala Dinner

Our annual Gala Dinner is an opportunity to showcase our work to key dignitaries and partners. Presenters on the night included the NHS, Islamic Relief, Macmillan, Shabana Mahmood MP and the Assistant Chief Constable.

Everyone enjoyed a delicious 3-course meal with many attendees receiving awards for their great work in and around the community!



Chaplaincy

As part of our outreach work, Imam Adil Saleem works as a volunteer chaplain at the University of Birmingham. In November, he started a new weekly drop-in surgery to provide Muslim students with pastoral and spiritual support.



Youth Canoeing

Our weekly canoeing continued through the year, having started again in May. Canoeing is one of our most popular youth activities and is always over subscribed. Sessions are delivered by Olympian Andy Train, who volunteers his time to the community. Thank you Andy!



Scouts

After more than a year online, our scouts returned onsite. We have one of the largest scout groups in the region with over 130 children, supported by a large number of scout leaders.



Islamic Relief Clothing Drive

GLMCC held a weekend clothing drive with Islamic Relief in November. By the end of the weekend, two large transit vans were full with clothes that had been donated by the congregation!



TFGLM **Winter** Freeze

Winter is harsh for refugee families living in unheated and temporary shelters. Temperatures fall below freezing in many countries, bringing further misery and suffering. During the winter, Task Force GLM run an annual campaign to distribute winter emergency packs and food packs, for refugees and vulnerable families.

Over £250k worth of aid is distributed over the winter. This year, the team supported Syrian refugees in Lebanon and the people of Afghanistan.



DECEMBER

Under The Lens Islamophobia Event

In partnership with Edgbaston cricket stadium, we held a panel discussion around the prominent issue of racism and Islamophobia. Panellists included Baroness Sayeeda Warsi, Dr Chris Allen, MP Naz Shah and more. The aim was to raise awareness and create a positive discussion around racism and Islamophobia. A booklet on racism and Islamophobia was also published by the Dawah team.



Soup Kitchen

We partnered with local Masjids and community organisations, to deliver a 7-day soup kitchen, which included a hot meal, hot beverages and snacks. GLMCC hosted the soup kitchen every Monday and Tuesday for 4 months. More than 90 meals were distributed every night to the homeless and needy.



Booklets

This year we began to publish a number of booklets to support our work. The first booklet was published back in July, titled 'Faith in Action', highlighting the Covid Projects delivered by the West Midlands Mosques and Community over the pandemic. In December we published a booklet on 'The Role of a Mosque' to help Mosques with school visits. Again in December, in time for our Islamophobia event, we also published a booklet on racism.



Winter Hifdh Programme

With an increasing demand for children's Islamic education, we ran a full time winter hifdh school for children over the two week school holiday. Over 40 children registered and were kept busy with the memorisation of the Qur'an, Alhamdulillah.



An aerial photograph of a city, likely Manchester, featuring a large, historic brick building with a prominent arched entrance and a tall, dark brick chimney. The building is surrounded by other urban structures, including residential houses and commercial buildings. A parking lot with several cars is visible in the foreground. The overall scene is captured in a warm, golden-hour light, with a soft, hazy atmosphere. The text "PUBLIC RELATIONS" is overlaid on the image in a large, bold, sans-serif font. "PUBLIC" is in a golden-yellow color, and "RELATIONS" is in white.

PUBLIC RELATIONS

Media

For many media organisations and journalists, GLMCC is a key source of information on topics related to Islam and Muslims. Our outreach projects and activism as a leading mosque in Britain has led to national media regarding us as a trusted source of reputable, reliable and relevant information.

Over 2021, we featured in 49 articles in major media outlets such as The Guardian, BBC and Arab News. We gave 24 media interviews and released 21 press statements on topics affecting Muslims both nationally and globally. Through our media engagement we were able to challenge narratives on Islamophobia as well as address attitudes surrounding wider topics such as knife-crime, the impact of lockdown and global humanitarian crises and injustices. We articulated and displayed the positive impact that the Muslim community has had during some of the most critical periods in recent history.





Leadership

Over four decades of serving the community has placed GLMCC in a unique position of leadership. This year we led on a number of initiatives with the aim of providing support and guidance to other mosques, faith organisations and community leaders. Our work included:

- **Joint press-statements** – we coordinated three statements, with signatories from local mosques and organisations.
- **Eid event** – a first of its kind event to bring together the wider Muslim community, Imams and community leaders.
- **Panel discussions** – we organised public events to widen the discourse on topics pertinent to Muslims in the UK.

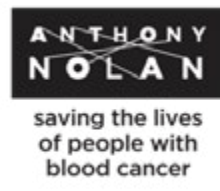
- **Key meetings** – arranged several meetings for the West Midlands mosques with the West Midland's Mayor, Police Crime Commissioner (PCC), Birmingham City Council officials, MPs and other key figures.
- **Steering groups** – we attended steering groups on mental health, health of the region and violence reduction.
- **Campaigns** – we supported and led on campaigns surrounding Covid vaccinations and the plight of the Muslim Uyghurs.
- **Mosque visits** – provided tours and presentations to other mosques to share good practice.
- **Wider roles** – we serve as the joint-chair for the PCC Violence Reduction Unit Faith Alliance.



Engagement

To aid our mission to Inspire, Educate and Serve, we recognise the importance of building new bridges through arranging regular meetings, events and outreach projects with wider organisations. This year, we held monthly meetings with key individuals to discuss strategic objectives and common areas of working. We met with the Uyghur World Council Leader, Macmillan's Executive Team, the Mayor of the West Midlands, Warwickshire Cricket Club Management team, School Management Teams, Islamic organisation management teams, Mosque leaders, NGO leaders, Council leaders, MPs and others. By increasing the scope of our work, we are able to offer more holistic and varied services to our community.

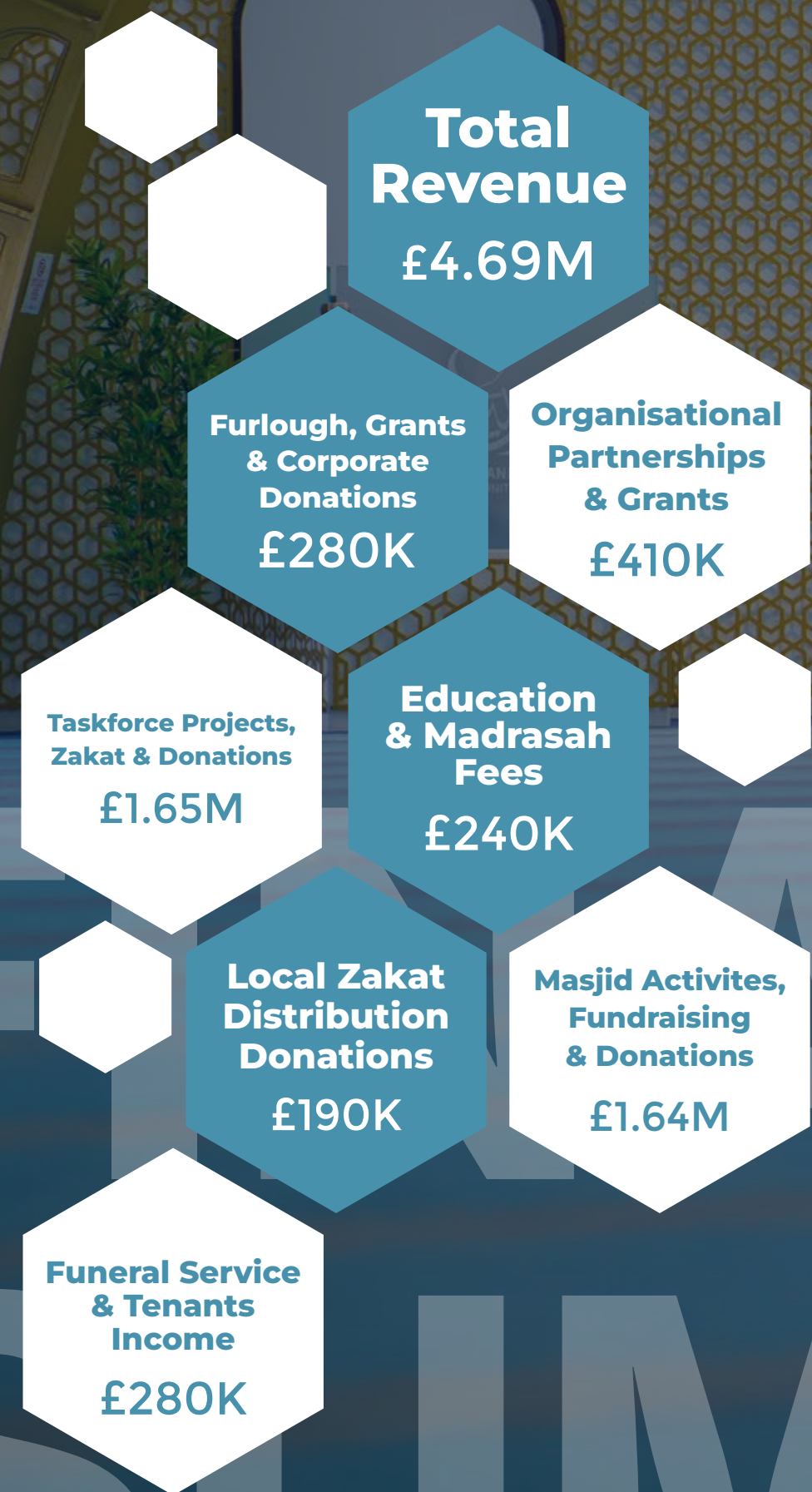
Partners



An aerial photograph of a city street scene. In the foreground, a multi-lane road with traffic is visible. To the right, a large parking lot is filled with cars. Behind the parking lot, there are several large commercial buildings, including a prominent one with a curved roof. In the background, a dense urban skyline with various skyscrapers is visible under a hazy sky. The overall color palette is muted, with a mix of greys, blues, and earthy tones.

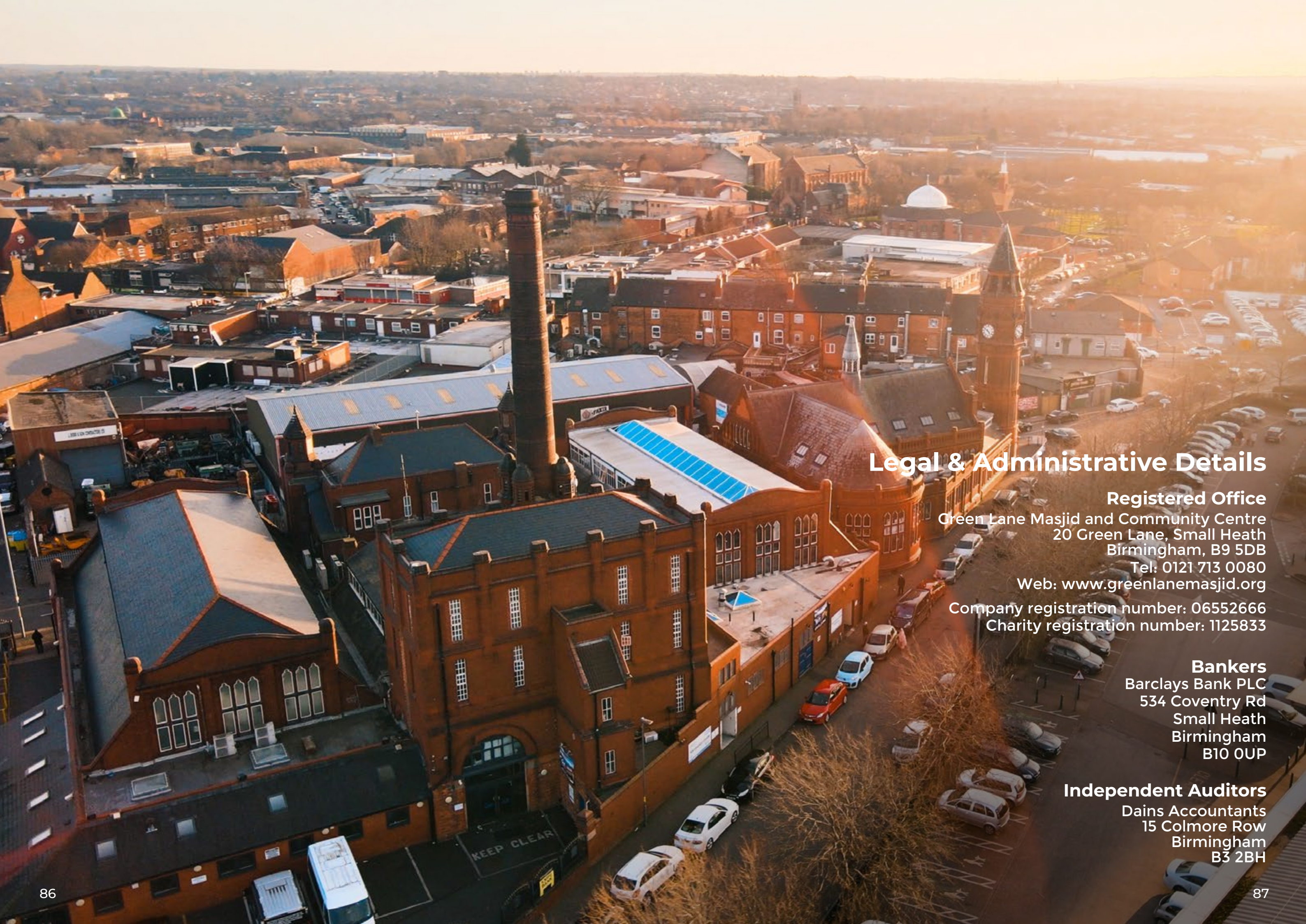
FINANCIAL & LEGAL

Revenue



Costs





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