

Iron Aid Foundation

Registered Charity Number 1134493

Statement form Trustees:

Our Goal: As defined in our Articles of incorporation Iron Aid Foundation was setup with specific community oriented goals. These goals are core to our needs and beliefs. Our needs are driven by our faith, which demands that we pray to the one God and this is even more beneficial when performed together, hence our need for an appropriate property. Our belief that by providing education to Muslims in the area and promoting good citizenship with the Muslim community as well as driving engagement with the wider non-Muslim community, we will be even more successful.

Property Needs: During the last year we have continued to look for suitable properties in the Northwood/Pinner area in order to establish a base from where we could provide a centre for education, promote social inclusion and drive engagement with the surrounding community . In order to be viable there has to be ample parking, a D1 usage and 24/7 access. Houses and shop fronts are not suitable as we would quickly outgrow these.

Property Opportunities: During this past year we did put offers in for a suitable property but unfortunately we were outbid in each case. It has become clear that the search for a property will be a long one and we are committed to securing a suitable building for our purposes.

Our Relationship with The Church: Our dialogue with the St John's church has gone from strength to strength and we now use the funds we have raised so far to rent the Hallowell Hall, hence we are able to deliver on the vision of Iron Aid Foundation which was to promote Community Cohesion and Worship. Additionally we continue to part-take in joint events with the Church Elders to ensure we appreciate and understand each other's needs and desires.

Worship and Education: Key prayers have been established in the church hall, including Isha(late evening prayer), Maghrib(sunset prayer), Jumma (Friday noon prayer) and Thraweeh (Ramadan – fasting period prayers- post Isha)

On the education front we have initiated a series of lectures from well-known scholars focusing on two key areas. Firstly to better understand the translation and key messages of the Quran. Secondly to learn about the statements and actions of the Prophet Muhammed (PBUH).

Fundraising: Our fundraising has fallen into two broad areas. Firstly we raise funds for acquiring or renting a property which will serve as a community centre so the charity can work towards its core objectives. Secondly we raise money for worthy causes and in this past year we have raised money for the Pakistani flood relief, handicapped children and crises around the world.

The Coming Year: We will re-double our efforts to search for a community centre; deploy more innovative strategies/methods to increase donations for Iron Aid; and continue to work with the community to understand what educational offerings we can make that will help them be successful,

Thank you for your kind attention.

Trustees of Iron Aid Foundation.