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**TRUSTEES' REPORT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2008**

The Trustees have pleasure in presenting their report and the audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2008.

**Structure, governance and management**

The Charity is governed by its constitution and is constituted as a charitable trust.

The trustees of Wessex Shia Ithna Asheri Jamaat are the members of the executive committee. They are for the purposes of the constitution, officers of the charity.

The trustees are responsible for the overall management and control of the charity and meet regularly to manage its affairs.

**Objectives and Activities**

- a) The object for which the Charity has been established is to promote and advance the Islamic Religion in accordance with the principles of the Shia Ithna-Asheri faith. The Charity through its Executive Committee shall have the power:
- b) To encourage the practice of the Islamic Religion as taught by Shia Ithna-Asheri laws
- c) To eradicate poverty
- d) To advance education amongst the community.
- e) To relieve of those in need by reason of youth, age, ill health, and disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage
- f) Promote good health and health living
- g) To do all such others things as shall further the above-mentioned object





## Development and achievements

The Trustees consider that the performance of the Charity has been satisfactory. The Charity has been successful in fulfilling its aim and objectives.

The charity has organised events, activities and programmes to fulfil its objectives and ensuring that it has used all mediums and its disposal to promote the services provided by the charity.

The charity has organised a number of activities including:

- a) Interfaith activities and seminars.
- b) Publish publications for interfaith activities and promote religion.
- c) Publish religious materials for use by members.
- d) Arrange seminars and events.
- e) Organise media training.
- f) Seminars, events for women and senior citizens.
- g) Annual conferences for religious scholars and students.
- h) Summer camps for young girls and boys.
- i) Annual sports tournaments for both ladies and gents.
- j) Fund raising activities for a number of relief and humanitarian projects.
- k) Organised medical screenings for members.
- l) Organised medical updates through the website and emails targeted to members.
- m) Enhancing relationship with other charities organisation.
- n) Working with government departments and charities commission on mutual projects.
- o) Promotion of education both secular and religious through seminars, courses and camps.
- p) Revamped and maximise the utilisation of the charity's website.

There has been continued growth of the Charity and we now have increased our volunteer base and the number of volunteers is increasing exponentially. Looking ahead to 2009, developments across all of main areas are likely to undergo even more dynamic change and the Charity will enhance its services to its members





## Financial Statements

The financial statements comply with statutory requirements. The Charity's constitution and Statement of Recommended Practice "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" (SORP) published in March 2005.

## Risk Management

The managing trustees have assessed the major risk to which the charity is exposed, in particular those relating to meeting payments to suppliers and the use of restricted funds. The trustees are also satisfied that the systems are in place to mitigate our exposure to these risks and the processes implemented are designed to minimise any impact on the charity, should any of these risk are to materialise





## Statement of Trustees' responsibilities

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Annual Report in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

The Trustees are required to prepare financial statements for each financial year, in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law). The financial statements are required by law to give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Charity and of its incoming resources and application of resources for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees should follow best practice and:

Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;

Make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;

State whether applicable UK accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statement.

Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Charity will continue operating in the future.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Charity and to enable it to ensure that the financial statements comply with the applicable law. The Trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The Trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the financial and other information included on the Charity's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions

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Roshan Gangji, President

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Abbas Rahim, Hon. Treasurer

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Redha Hooda, Hon. Treasurer

