

Iron Aid Foundation

Registered Charity Number 1134493

As defined in our Articles of incorporation Iron Aid Foundation was setup with specific community oriented goals. These goals are core to our belief of providing education to Muslims in the area and to promote good citizenship with the muslim community as well as driving engagement with the wider community.

During 2016 we 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 non-muslim community. In order to be viable there has to be ample parking, a D1 usage (which allows for community uses and places of worship etc) and 24/7 access.

It has been a challenging year for Iron Aid Foundation. Our search for a suitable community centre was fruitless. We identified a property that seemed to fit our needs however upon taking further advice we found that the property would not be granted the D1 usage we require and we consequently pulled out of any further negotiations.

During the holy month of Ramadan Iron Aid Foundation have been organising the "Taraweeh" or "night prayers" these run into the small hours and the congregation for these has grown steadily over the years as has the one for the weekly Friday prayer. Whilst well within proscribed limits this demonstrates the success of our efforts in providing a place of worship to the local community as well as a "hub" (albeit a facilitated one) from which we can engage with the wider community, it also underlines the very real need we have to find and establish a permanent community centre.

We continued to collect donations from our community to pay for the usage of facilities at St Johns Church. Our relationship with the St Johns Church has continued to grow and blossom. We regularly meet with the Church elders and Rev James Fields to discuss and share ideas and community focused issues.

Iron Aid Foundation are now a well known Muslim Community Charity in the Northwood, Pinner, Ruislip and Eastcote areas. Our Trustees and Volunteers continue to work towards our goal of engaging with the wider community to promote understanding, cohesion and mutual respect.

Thank you for your kind attention.

Trustees of Iron Aid Foundation.