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“Working Towards A Better Future”



Bolton Council of Mosques (BCOM) has continued to be the most widely recognised and pro-active Bolton Muslim organisation for more than two decades. BCOM continues to play a vital role in its advocacy for civil liberties, interfaith relations, social harmony and promotion of mental and physical wellbeing.

As we are hopefully seeing the back of COVID-19 and the turmoil it brought to our town and globally, we are transitioning back to our normal services, pre-Covid, serving the Muslim community and the wider communities of Bolton whilst working hand in hand with the Local Authority in bettering the live of all Boltonians.

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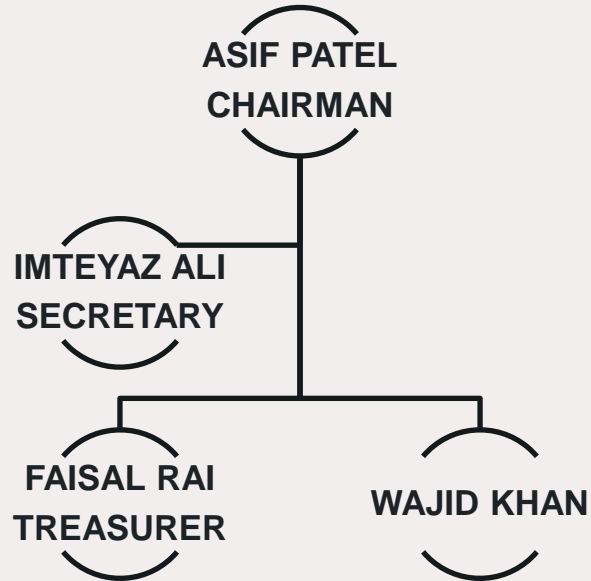
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Our Affiliate Mosques

Azhar Academy

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Aishah Mosque

Darul Quran Mosque

Al Aqsa Mosque

Darul Uloom Mosque

Aleef Mosque

Ghosia Mosque

Al-Falah Mosque

Ibraheem Mosque

Ali Mosque

Al-Rahman Mosque

Jamia Alavia Mosque

Asrafia Mosque

At Towfiq Islamic &
Cultural Charity

Jamia Madina Mosque

Sughra Mosque

Madina (Old) Mosque

Madina (New) Mosque

Taiyabah Mosque

Makkah Mosque & Muslim Community Centre

M A Mission

Taqwa Mosque

Markaz E Ahlebait

Noor Mosque

Usman Mosque

Noor Ul Islam Mosque

Quba Mosque

Zakariyya Central Mosque

Salaam Mosque



BCOM Vision

To develop a successful, confident, and self-aware Muslim community that positively contributes to the economic, social, spiritual and civic life in Bolton



Our Mission

To develop the framework for ***addressing the issues affecting Muslims*** in Bolton ***through effective partnership working***, promoting social unity, tolerance, and respect amongst the residence of Bolton. We will strive to consult/refer, ***contribute, help develop***, and where needed, deliver services that meet the needs of the communities residing in Bolton.



Our Aims

Strengthen Muslim Engagement in Bolton
Local Authority wider vision

To identify and address the social, economic, spiritual needs of the Mosques and Muslim Communities

To positively contribute to social equality and create awareness within the Muslim communities of cultural and social differences in order to promote tolerance and respect for all

To actively promote unity, harmony, and cohesion amongst all Bolton

1 Foreword



It finally seems that we have turned a corner after two years of restrictions, disruptions to life and societal norms. Hospitals are beginning to cope with in-patients, people are gradually returning to work places and children are getting into the routine of school life.

We at BCoM are slowly returning to our normal mode of services to the people of Bolton too. Read through this latest Bulletin to find out what services are offered by your Council of Mosques.

During the pandemic, we fashioned our work and support around what was needed at the time and this will always remain the focus of BCoM, to plan our work around the needs of the people we serve.

The forthcoming months are going to be very challenging for BCoM and most third sector organisations in Bolton as we face the consequences of life after furlough and juggle what

services can be saved and which ones will have to be shelved. We at BCoM, are working tirelessly to save jobs and will continue to provide vital services to the public to the best of our ability. Our pledge will always remain to do exactly this, till we cannot no more. We cannot remain true to this pledge and our work, without the dedicated support of our staff and our volunteers. As always, it is they who deserve the plaudits and commendations for what BCoM does. Thank you to all those who support BCoM and to all those who deem us deserving to serve and support them.

We are proud to be of service to you.

Asif Patel
BCoM Chairman

5 | We will remain here for you as long as you need us

KEEP IN TOUCH WITH YOUR LOVED ONES

We know how hard it is for you not to be able to visit your loved ones in hospital during the Covid-19 pandemic.

To help you stay in touch with your loved ones, BCoM has volunteers to help with:

- Moral & emotional support
- Communication with your loved one via phone, video call or letter
- And facilitate in any other concerns you may have with the hospital

We are here to support you

BCoM has continued its hospital visits to provide support to our loved-ones who have been hospitalised, in line with Government Guidelines. We all know, Hospital visits, according to viable research, boosts morale, and provides comfort and relief for patients. It also appeases the anxiety and worry of those left at home.

Since April 2020, BCOM has worked tirelessly through its dedicated volunteers to ensure that people from the Muslim Community, who have been hospitalised due to the COVID-19 pandemic, have been regularly visited by our volunteers (*who have permission from the Hospital administration*) and relevant information about their recovery is conveyed to loved ones at home.

This has been one of the most rewarding projects throughout this pandemic in allaying the mental distress of both the patients and loved ones at home. Therefore, we have continued this service and will do so as long as it is possible.

BCOM has carried out more than 400 such visits until now, donated 50 Quran Cubes and distributed ample Zamzam water to patients.

As a protocol, each visit is still followed up with a call to families at home, to ensure they are kept well-informed about their loved-ones in hospital. **Once again, our heartfelt gratitude to those volunteers who made this possible.**

6 BCoM Funeral Service



Death, funeral arrangements and bereavement remain the most difficult of experiences for human beings. We at BCoM understand this plight and endeavour to support and help the Muslim community in this difficult time as much as possible. From the moment of death till the burial, our dedicated funeral team are with the bereaved family guiding and assisting at every step. Our team members, most of whom, I must stress, are volunteers, forsake their own commitments and lives to aid in the administration processes necessary after death, bathing of the deceased, shrouding and then the burial. It is such solidarity and commitment to community service, both from our male volunteers and females that make us strong and resilient in times of grief and pain. BCoM Funeral Service provides;

1. *Support to the bereaved family in having the body released from the hospital, purchasing the burial plot*

and in acquiring the death certificate

2. *Helping with organising the bathing of the deceased, shrouding, prayers and burial of the deceased.*
3. *Announcing all Muslim deaths in Bolton through our social media handles, so people can make arrangements to attend prayers and the funeral service*
4. *Providing the BCoM Funeral Van for all journeys to the mosque and the graveyard for the deceased.*
5. *.Providing after care with our counselling service*

In the last quarter BCoM Funeral Service has provided the aforementioned services to 70 families and facilitated 70 burials.

Once again, it is important to stress that BCoM does not charge for these services and provides them without cost to the bereaved families. We are dedicated to serving the community in their time of need and will remain so as long as possible.

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Disclosure & Barring Service



BCoM provides a DBS checking service. If you or your staff (in the mosques or elsewhere) require a DBS check, please contact BCoM Office on 01204 363680.

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Disclosure Number
Date of Issue
Employment Details
Position held
Start Date
End Date
Employment Status
Employer's Name
Employer's Address
Employer's Contact Details

Applicant Personal Details
Surname
Forename(s)
Other Names
Date of Birth
Place of Birth
Gender

Police Records of Convictions, Cautions, Warnings and Fixed Penalty Notices
NONE RECORDED

Information from the list held under section 1(1) of the Protection of Children Act 1989
NONE RECORDED

Protection of Children Act 1989 Information
NONE RECORDED

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NONE RECORDED

Standard Disclosure
This document is a Standard Disclosure issued after the receipt of section 113A and 117A of the Police Act 1997.

Standard Disclosure
The Disclosure must be used in accordance with the Code of Practice and any other guidance issued by the Criminal Records Bureau (CRB). Particular care must be taken to the guidance in the CRB code of disclosure in respect of those where Disclosure is used in connection with the recruitment of children's workers.

The Disclosure is issued in accordance with part 2 of the Police Act 1997, which creates a register of criminal offences. Disclosed offences include those in connection with Disclosure, including Disclosure under false pretences and using a Disclosure issued in another jurisdiction.

For more information visit: www.crb.gov.uk

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BCoM Antenatal Clinic in partnership with NHS -These antenatal clinic drop-in sessions run twice a week, Mondays, and Tuesdays. The service primarily caters for those women whose first language is not English but is also open to women from all ethnic backgrounds too.

The drop-ins provide the women an opportunity to ask about,

- Preparation for labour
- Diet in pregnancy
- General well-being during pregnancy

The antenatal clinic is open on Tuesdays where women can attend their antenatal appointments throughout the duration of their pregnancy. Please call us on 01024 363680, for further details.

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Counselling Service

We're here to talk and help!

ALCOHOL PROBLEMS
ANXIETY
DRUGS PROBLEMS
RELATIONSHIP
ANGER MANAGEMENT
MARRIAGE DIFFICULTIES
STRESS
DEPRESSION
LOW SELF ESTEEM/CONFIDENCE
BEREAVEMENT AND LOSS

FREE
CONFIDENTIAL
PRIVATE

The BCoM Counselling service is a free service to help people, established in 2007. Our counsellors are all qualified and members of BACP (The British Association of Counselling and Psychotherapy). They speak English, Gujarati and Urdu.

For further information or to book an appointment, call 01204 363680 or email lladmin@thebcm.org

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SAFEGUARDING



BCoM also provides CPD to mosque committee members and Madrasa teachers. It also provides vital pastoral policies and guidelines to mosques. BCoM has recently updated its Safeguarding Guidelines according to the new Bolton Framework and provided this to the Bolton Mosques.


BCoM Counselling Service is increasingly in demand. If you would like to schedule a session or want to know more about the service, then call BCoM office on 01024 363680.

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CIRCUMCISION SERVICE



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11 BCoM Summer School

SUMMER CAMP 2021

Come & join us for a month of Summer Fun
from 4th - 28th August, 10am - 2pm at BCoM

ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:
ARTS AND CRAFTS
HIKING AND TRAIL WALKS
COOKERY LESSONS
CORE SUBJECTS TUITION
CONFIDENCE BUILDING
& MUCH MORE!

Completely free
Free lunch and snacks provided
LIMITED SPACES

Eligibility criteria : Free school meals (Proof Necessary)

Open to boys & girls aged between 11 - 15 Registration

As part of the Government and Local Authority education recovery package, BCoM hosted a summer school for the Muslim children in Bolton. Around thirty children participated during the month of August.

The purpose of the summer school programme was to deliver a short summer school offering a blend of academic education and enrichment activities. There were booster sessions in Maths, English and Career aspirations. The enrichment activities provided were planned to support the cultural and social growth of the attendees.

Benefits of our summer school programme was planned to gives attendees opportunities to build a sense of community with their fellow attendees, develop meaningful friendships and enhance self-esteem, confidence and mental well-being.



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