



# Beaumont Leys Muslims

One Community United in Prayer

## Mission

‘Contribute to building Beaumont Leys as a Cohesive and Inclusive community which works together to help meet the educational, religious and community centric needs of residents and workers in the area.’

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# Who are Beaumont Leys Muslims (BLM)?

- \* **BLM was formed by local residents to meet the needs of the growing Muslim community and unmet needs of the wider community.**
- \* established by local Beaumont Leys Muslim residents in 2010, to serve the local Muslim community in Beaumont Leys.
- \* operating for over 6 years in the Beaumont Leys Area and incorporated as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO)
- \* Governed by a Board of trustees responsible for the management and administration.
- \* Day-day activities overseen by its Operational Committee
- \* 11.3% of the residents in Beaumont Leys were Muslims (Census in 2011). Estimated that the percentage is nearer 15% now.
- \* Manage HFNC (successful applicant of LCC Asset Transfer process)

# What is the need required by the local community?

1. Provide a place of congregation for prayer and Islamic education for Muslims in Beaumont Leys

*Some of these needs are common with the needs of all residents irrespective of religion or race, such as:*

2. Promote educational projects for the benefit of the public Homework Clubs & English Language Classes.
3. Provide facilities for social welfare, for recreation, or leisure time occupation of young people, elderly, disabled and other residents in Beaumont Leys
4. Assist those in financial hardship with facilities and services, such as food banks

# What are our aims?

**The strategic aims connected to the charitable objects of BLM are:**

- 1) To establish a community space for meeting the needs of the local community, especially in relation to the educational and religious needs for Muslims residing and working in Beaumont Leys.
- 2) To establish a nursery and adult learning projects for residents of the Beaumont Leys area.
- 3) To engage with the diverse communities in Beaumont Leys in a common effort to uplift the area and bring into use community infrastructure via acquisition of the Home Farm Neighbourhood Centre and delivering social welfare projects for the young and old.
- 4) To assist residents of Beaumont Leys suffering from financial hardship with the establishment or support for the establishment of a food bank.

As can be seen, BLM is an outward looking charity that genuinely has set its Mission and aims to benefit all residents of Beaumont Leys irrespective of their race, religion or social background. Only 1 out of their 4 objects relate to benefits to Muslims.

# Our Track record so far:

Since its inception over 6 years ago, BLM has:

- \* Established a facility for 1,000 residents of Beaumont Leys every week over the last 6 years to help their religious needs
- \* Planned and delivered a fun day open for all residents of Beaumont Leys during the Eid festival over the last 2 years with over 300 participants
- \* Cleared the Homefarm Square with snow ploughs during the abnormally heavy snowfall in the winter of 2015 for the benefit of all residents coming to the Homefarm Square for Children activities, Housing enquiries, GP Surgeries, Pharmacy, Supermarket and other shops.
- \* Supported informal counselling to over 80 Beaumont Leys residents over the last 6 years to help them with their personal and family problems
- \* Supported over 100 Beaumont Leys residents with signposting to agencies for advice and guidance on housing, money matters and benefits

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- \* Held an Open Day for local non-Muslim residents to find out about BLM activities at the Hall as part of the National Visit My Mosque Open Day.
- \* Hired and maintained the Hall without any complaints by users
- \* Complied with the health and safety policies in maintaining the Hall during their occupation of it over 6 years
- \* Adopted energy saving measures by turning off lights and unwanted heaters
- \* Serviced the kitchenette and Hall area, for which it was responsible during the last 6 years
- \* Managed the access of the users for 5 sessions of prayer everyday of the week for the last 6 years
- \* Managed the keyholders successfully for the main doors at the rear of the site for daily access over the 5 years of use

# Centre Usage: Existing Services & Stakeholders

- \* ESOL classes: 3 classes being run by LASALS at different times during the week, which utilise 3 rooms during the week
- \* Supplementary Education Classes: NorthWest Leicestershire Group deliver classes at the weekend
- \* Madrassa Classes: 2 classes of Madrassa teaching run by GOLE on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, and additionally, on Monday to Thursday.
- \* Daily Prayers Facility: BLM utilise the Hall for 5 times a day, for every day of the week throughout the year.
- \* Office Hire: The Restorative Justice East Midlands and St Matthews Solutions hire an office at the centre. These are dedicated spaces which are let out on a long-term hire.
- \* Occasional Hire: In addition to the above, the same stakeholders and sometimes other members of the public occasionally hire rooms for one-off purposes.



# CAT Objectives

BLM has set specific objectives for the CAT, which build upon its Strategic aims and charitable objects. These are:

- \* **To retain existing services for residents by retaining the use by all stakeholders for their projects currently being run at the centre**
- \* **To continue to provide a 5 times a day prayer facility for local Muslims**
- \* **To improve environment sustainability of the Centre**
- \* **To attract new community projects and groups to use the Centre to help meet the needs of the local residents and workers.**

# Services to be delivered in 2 phases:

The first phase is to establish services that have the most urgent and immediate need.

## Phase 1

- \* 1. Prayer facility for local Muslim residents
- \* 2. Learning for Life courses
- \* 3. Foodbank for all local residents, with signposting service
- \* 4. Pre-School for upto 24 children
- \* 5. Supplementary School for children
- \* 6. Madrassah Classes for children
- \* 7. ESOL courses
- \* 8. Advice and Befriending services for local residents
- \* 9. Office facilities for stakeholders

# Phase 2

**BLM will work with other third party organisations to setup new projects.**

These are listed as follows:

- \* 10. Learning for Work courses, including IT and Business Startup courses
- \* 11. Coffee Mornings for the Elderly
- \* 12. Health related Surgeries/Advice sessions
- \* 13. Financial Advice Surgery
- \* 14. Recreational Services for young people – Youth club
- \* 15. **Setup of** targeted resident user groups on the above areas to assist in gaining grants for **small projects being run by local residents with their special interests**, which may be one-off projects or regular sessional activity. Initially offering incentives for initial activities.
- \* 16. Increase of Casual and Community Hire among local residents.

# Current Usage Statistics & next steps:

**Currently HFNC only has a 6% utilisation rate**

- \* BLM aim will increase to increase utilisation rate to 18.7% in the first year and the services delivered will increase as detailed in the above two phases.
- \* LASALS and other adult learning providers have already indicated that they would like to run further adult learning courses. This will result increase in the use of 3 rooms for at least 12 hours a week.
- \* Interest expressed by Action Homeless for 20 hours (min) of use for one of the large rooms.
- \* Action Homeless have also agreed to support the setup and running of the Foodbank from the Kitchen room. This will bring the kitchen into use, which is currently unused.

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- \* Utilisation may increase over time based on demand and uptake of places by existing stakeholders.
- \* During phase 2, the usage is projected to increase to 21% of all lettable hours, but 100% of all the rooms will be utilised at some point during the week. BLM will increase its utilisation of the Hall from the current short period hire (15 minutes x 5 each day-1.15hours) to 35 hours per week.
- \* 3 pre-school nurseries have expressed an interest in hiring the Pre-school rooms, which will bring them into use for at least 20 hours per week initially. This
- \* Phase 2 will be in year 2 of the management of the centre.

# Up and coming events:

Eid Fun Day 25<sup>th</sup>/26<sup>th</sup> June open to the public



The poster features a purple background with a starry pattern. At the top, the title 'Eid Fun Day' is written in a large, yellow, cursive font. Below the title, there are several images: a blue and yellow inflatable slide, a red and orange inflatable archway, a soccer ball on a green field, a sign that says 'Open to All' with a Union Jack flag, and a smiling young boy's face in the foreground. There are also three circular stamps that say 'FREE ENTRY' and one stamp that says 'FREE BURGER'.

## Eid Fun Day

Open to All

**WHERE:** Home Farm  
Neighbourhood Centre

**WHEN:** #Eid2017  
(25/26th June)

**WHAT TIME:**  
10.30–16.00

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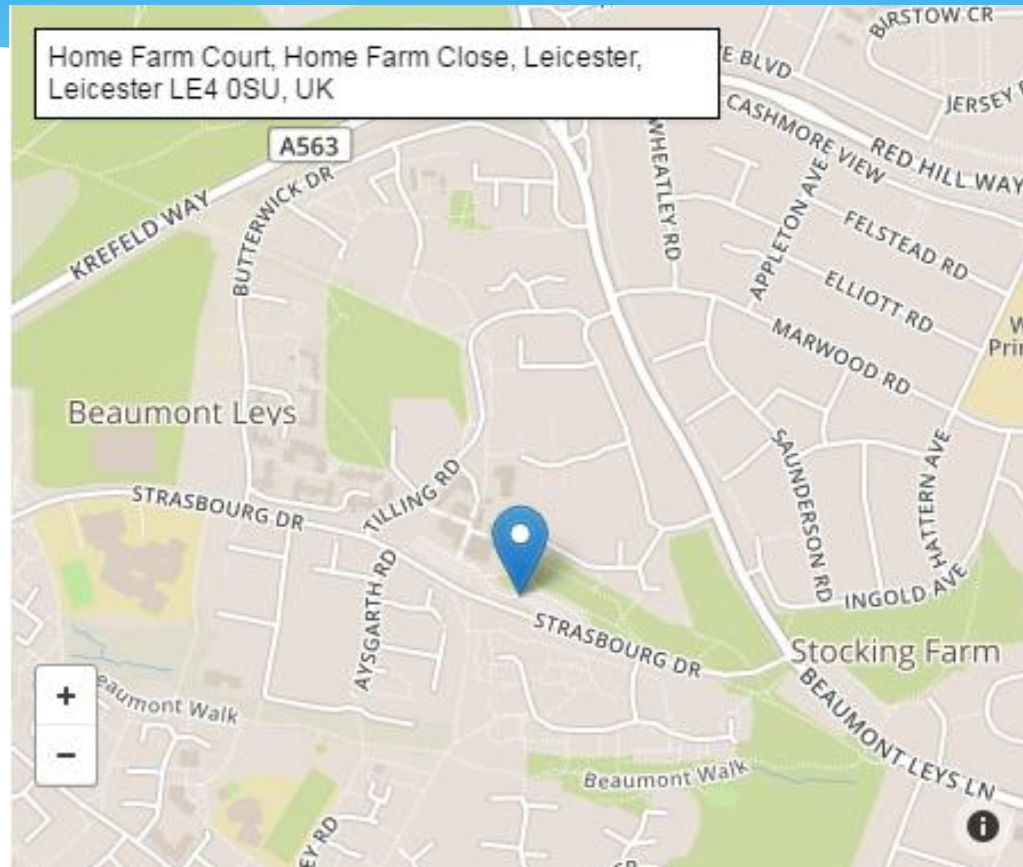
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# Home Farm Neighbourhood Centre



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# Q&A's

\* ANY QUESTIONS?

\* FEEDBACK