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**SOUTHAMPTON ABU BAKR MASJID**  
**BUILDING PROJECT AND**  
**REFURBISHMENT**  
**APPEAL**



## Message from the Chairman

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***"And hold fast, all of you together, to the rope of Allah, and be not divided amongst yourselves"***  
*[Al-Imran 3:103]*

Assalaamu `Alaykum Warahmatullaahi Wabarakaatuh

Southampton Mosque Trust aims to promote a true message of Islam and unite all Muslims in Southampton, as well as build sound relations with all communities.

We are embarking on various new projects to benefit the local community and would kindly request that you read through this brochure

**For our vision to be possible we need your duas, help and support.**

Please make generous donations to serve the Deen of Allah.  
May Allah reward you

Sharifullah Ahmed  
*Trust Chairman*

## Our Objective

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Southampton Mosque Trust (Abu Bakr Masjid) has been serving the Muslim community of Southampton for past 50 years.

The Trust purchased the Argyle Centre to convert to the Mosque and a Community Centre.

Argyle Centre is a large 3 story building built over 100 years ago. This was once a girls' grammar school is now the largest Masjid in the south of England. Accommodating over **1000 worshippers** at any time.

The Masjid offers a multitude of services such as:

- Facilities for the Five Daily Prayers
- Ladies Prayer Hall with Activity Centre.
- Daily and weekend Madrasah. Over 300 children
- Community Hall and Kitchen.
- Social Activities – Martial Arts and Sports Classes,
- Charity and Fundraising events,
- Centre for Interfaith and Community activities.

This is a very old building and needs extensive refurbishment and renovate it so that it continues to be a strong focal point for future generations.

The Masjid is undergoing the following major renovations and refurbishment:

- 1) Mortuary and Funeral Services (adding new service)**
- 2) Masjid Entrance & Corridor Expansion**
- 3) Replacing Old Windows**
- 4) Ladies Hall Refurbishment**
- 5) Under floor Heating and Levelling the Masjid Floor**
- 6) Drainage and Roofing**

# 1) Mortuary and Funeral Services

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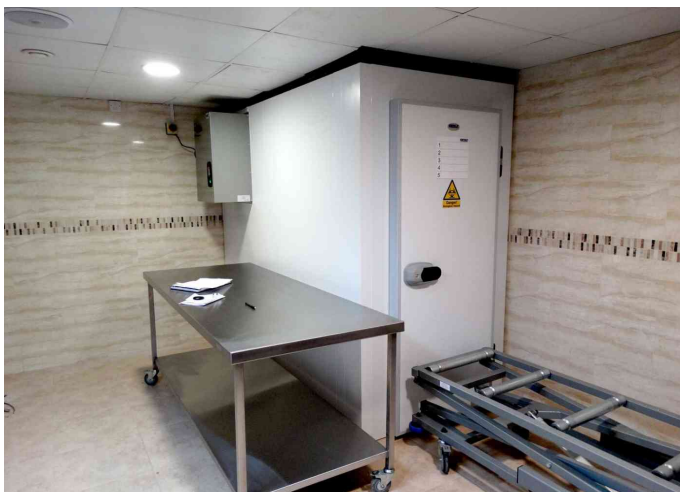
We are currently undertaking a large project to incorporate a mortuary and body wash facility in our Masjid.



(Work Underway)  
The project is expected to cost in the region of **£80,000** to complete.

We aim to complete this project by **Ramadan 2018**.

The end result to look similar to:





## 2) Masjid Entrance & Corridor Expansion

Those who regularly attend our Masjid, especially on Jummah, will know the difficulties we are faced with when the Friday prayer finishes and the corridor leading to the Masjid gets very full and leaving the Masjid takes a long time.



We are aiming to double the width of this corridor to ensure our attendees have easy and quick access in and out of the Masjid and this will further improve our ability to ensure a safe and accessible route to the Masjid for the disabled and elderly. This cost of this project is around **£35,000**.

Upgrading the Masjid Entrance to be more welcoming



### 3) Replacing Old Windows

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The Masjid currently has single glazed windows, many of which are broken.

In order to reduce monthly running expenses of the Masjid and improve efficiency, we intend to upgrade all the windows to Double Glazing.

We intend to change all of our windows to double glazed windows so that we can keep the heat in the Masjid and increase security within the Masjid. This project will cost upwards of **£40,000.**





#### 4) Ladies Hall Refurbishment

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The ladies' hall is need of urgent refurbishment.

In this refurbishment, we want to **change the carpets**, give the hall a deep clean and also **re-paint and re-decorate** the hall. This includes new lighting, shelving, books, and other such facilities that our sisters very much deserve.

This is expected to cost approximately **£10,000**.

We believe our sisters deserve and need a place that they feel comfortable in.

## 5) Under-floor Heating and Levelling the Masjid Floor

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As you may be aware, the floor in the Masjid is currently on two levels which is an inconvenience during prayers.

As well as levelling the Masjid floor, we intend to install under-floor heating in the Masjid, so that we can have a reliable heating source.

## 6) Drainage and Roofing

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There are many leaks and problems with our current piping and drainage system, therefore we are planning to clean and/or replace all of the drainage and piping across the Masjid.

This will help prevent water leaks and clogged drainage from occurring.

Coupled with the drainage improvements we plan to have the roofing in some areas of the Masjid re-done to help maintain the Masjid.

This will cost approximately **£10,000**.



## Estimated Cost Breakdown\*

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### **Mortuary:**

Equipment cost -	£35,000
Material Cost -	£20,000
Labour Cost -	£45,000

### **Corridor Extension & Shoe Racks**

Material Cost -	£15,000
Labour Cost -	£12,000

### **Window Replacement:**

Materials & Labour -	£40,000
Scaffolding -	£8,000

### **Ladies Hall& Wudu Area Refurbishment:**

Carpeting -	£4,000
Painting & Decorating -	£2,000
Wudu Area Equipment -	£4,500
Wudu Area Labour -	£4,000

### **Under-floor Heating:**

Boilers -	£4,000
Heating Installation -	£10,000

### **Roofing and Drainage:**

Materials -	£3,500
Labour -	£5,500

### **Refurbishment of Classrooms:**

Equipment -	£10,000
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**WE HUMBLY REQUEST YOUR HELP WITH DONATIONS  
FOR THESE NOBLE CAUSES**

\*These costs are estimates and are likely to rise as work continues due to unexpected costs and changes in building plans.

# How You Can Help

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## **Monetary Donations:**

### **1)Bank Transfers:**

Bank transfers can be made to the following account:

**Southampton Mosque Trust**

**NatWest Bank**

**Sort code: 55-50-21**

**Account Number: 13422073**

### **2)Cheques:**

Cheques can be handed to **any of the Imams or committee members** and should be **made payable to "Southampton Mosque Trust"**.

### **3)Cash Donations:**

Cash donations can be made at the Masjid in the **donation safes** and cash can also be **given to our imams and committee members**.

Please obtain a receipt for your donations.

## **Volunteer your time:**

Giving money isn't always the only way to help!

We understand not everyone has the means to contribute from a financial perspective.

However, donating your time and efforts to the Masjid and helping out will help cut costs and is definitely very rewarding.

If you would like to volunteer some time please do contact our secretary, imams and/or committee members.

## Contact Details

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### Masjid Website:

[www.abubakrmasjid.net](http://www.abubakrmasjid.net)

### Facebook:

Keep up to date with the latest Masjid Activities and Events on our Facebook Page

Search for **Abu Bakr Jamia Masjid**

### Site Visit:

The Masjid Secretary,  
Southampton Central Mosque Trust  
The Abu Bakr Masjid,  
Argyle Centre,  
Argyle Road,  
Southampton,  
SO14 0BQ

For visits, school trips, Masjid administration issues, etc.,  
please email the secretary directly on  
**secretary@abubakrmasjid.net**

Or for general enquires contact us on

Zahir Ahmed	- Masjid Secretary	<b>07877 463524</b>
Imam Asjad	- Imam (Head)	<b>07737 005790</b>
Imam Shokat	- Imam	<b>07809 828415</b>



## Current Masjid & Community Activities



Copythorne Scouts Group Visiting Abu Bakr Masjid



Interfaith Community Dinner at Abu Bakr Masjid

Hampshire Women Delegation Visiting Abu Bakr Masjid and Learning about Islam



Local Member of  
Parliament Visiting  
Abu Bakr Masjid  
and the Local  
Community



Christian Delegation  
Visiting Abu Bakr  
Masjid

Sports and Social:  
Youth Centre





Imam of Masjid  
Quba and other  
representatives  
from Saudi Arabia  
Visiting Abu Bakr  
Masjid



Ramadan Eftar at  
Abu Bakr Masjid

Visit to the Mosque  
by Winchester  
University. Islamic  
Learning and  
Dawah





## Islamic Education for young children



## Quran Competitions and Awards

## Gift Ceremonies



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Without the help of The Almighty these projects will be impossible, therefore, please remember the Masjid in your Duas as well as all of the people who volunteer their time and efforts to keep the Masjid functioning for the community's sake.

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Abu Bakr Masjid is a registered charity (Charity Number 296904) and has been serving the Muslim and wider community for over a decade.

# Let Us Serve the DEEN of Allah

Remember that no act of charity goes unnoticed, Abu Huraira (RadhiAllahu `anhu) reported: Allah's Messenger ﷺ as saying: ***"When a man dies, his acts come to an end, but three, recurring charity or knowledge (by which people) benefit, or a pious children, who prays for him (for the deceased)."***

[Sahih Muslim – Book 13 – Hadith 4005]



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***Abu Bakr Masjid***