

# NEWSLETTER

Madni Masjid Dewsbury

November 2021

First Edition

***Asaalam alakum***

*My dear brothers and sisters in Islam*

I hope our newsletter finds you well and in good health.

Here you will find up -to-date information / pictures of the renovation project, how you can access this information online, previous fundraising events & future events.

The status of the renovation project for Madni Masjid Dewsbury Town Centre is, we are pleased to say the First Phase of works has now been completed and we are now embarking on the next final phase of renovation project. As you are aware, Madni Masjid Northgate site, closed its doors in Jan 2019 (for the project to start) and was replaced by our temporary location on Manor Street, WF12 8ED, Behind Barclays Bank.

This is to accommodate the 5 daily salaah times plus the after school, madrassah classes.

This has been effective while the renovation is underway, and we continue to offer the educational plus general services to the local and wider community out of our temporary location.



Manor Street Masjid



## What impact did Covid have?

*Effect of Covid restrictions to the Masjid renovation project*

The covid virus reached the UK in late January 2020 and from March 2020 the UK Govt introduced restrictions across the whole country. As you would expect this has had an effect on the smooth running of the renovation project, in terms of the cost of materials and lack of supply or delayed raw materials arrivals and then the workforce having time off due to Covid. Despite the pandemic, Phase one was still completed whilst under these Covid restrictions.

(Please see COVID-19 details in the United Kingdom – Wikipedia

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/COVID-19\\_pandemic\\_in\\_the\\_United\\_Kingdom](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/COVID-19_pandemic_in_the_United_Kingdom))

## Your Money, Your Masjid

*How your money has been spent*

In January 2019 the First phase of renovation works started, this was estimated cost of approx.

**£380,000** (estimated cost as of 2018)

The Total raised by the start of project

**£409,007** (01 Feb 2019)

(this is from fundraising for this project since May 2016.)

**Total spent on Phase One** as at Sept 2020 is

**£462,818** (this is not the final amount for phase one)

leaving a Balance in the bank of

**£13,570** (01 Sept 2020)



### Lillah or Karz a Hasana?

**A BIG Thankyou** to you and everyone who has continued to donate in successfully achieving to complete **Phase One**. (See Pictures on Madnimasjid.org.uk )

Please note, we have not had to ask for **karz a hasanaa** (although we have been offered some) for this project so far, meaning the **First phase** is fully paid from the funds raised through volunteer contributions. The Masjid does not owe any outstanding money to any individual/s or contractors or needs to payback any time of loan. **Alhamdulillah.**



We have managed to raise more funds (alhamdulillah), thanks to people like you, despite the limited Covid restrictions we have had. Funds came from these following examples, from Ramadhan 2021 collections, sponsored Cycle ride, Car wash and Mount Snowdon climb, plus the many personal individual donations.

### Balance as its stands

Currently we have **£126,825** (29<sup>th</sup> Nov 2021) in the masjid bank account, which is up from £13k that we had left in September (2020) the previous year.

Please continue to donate and support the renovation project, Thank you. Use Link below or Scan the QR Code with your phone camera -

<https://pay.easydonate.uk/madnimasjiddewsbury>

### WHY THE OVERSPEND?

We have had some additional cost to consider and pay, previously unknown issue with a Masjid building of this age.

This includes:

1. Additional Pile driving for the one central pillar of the masjid and the creation of a lift shaft, because on closer inspection of the foundation we needed this extra work for longevity of building.
2. Drainage systems were not adequate and certain section of the old pipes had collapsed over the years therefore new parts of drainage system were installed and fixed.
3. A complete section of wall (both exterior and internally) had to be removed and re-built over the main Northgate entrance, as cracks had shown over the years due to the wall dropping a few centimetres over time. This had to be fully taken down and painstakingly re-built exactly like for like as the masjid building is a Grade 2 listed, building.

Additional to the above essential major works, the cost of building materials and some labour costs have been creeping upwards slowly but have escalated more rapidly since the start of the pandemic. Making our initial estimated cost of **£500,000 in 2016** to complete the renovation project way off target, giving the current global situation.



SCAN ME

## Big Thank you & Fundraising events 2021



***A Big thankyou*** to all the volunteers, without them we wouldn't be able to carry out the events, the following fundraising events have helped to achieve the funds to complete the 1st phase of the renovation project and go towards the next phase too. This has included many online donations (regular Direct Debits and One-off Donations)

For example.

- Jumma Day Collections (£170k from May 2016 to Nov 2020)
- Eid day Collections (at least 4k per Eid day)
- Ramadhan Collection (approx. 30-50K per year)
- Organised Open days tour of the project at site.
- Regular announcements and presentation on Radio Mubarak.
- Dewsbury Town Market & Street (bucket) collection
- visiting local businesses & local masjids to create awareness & support for donations
- Volunteers raising funds themselves and creating more awareness
- Fun Day Event with Stalls and bouncy castle
- Cake sales at Dewsbury Market
- Carwash event at Mr Sparkles
- Ride for the masjid, (August 2021) from Dewsbury Town Centre to Bolton Abbey and back
- Climb for the Masjid (Mount Snowden, Wales September 2021).

## Future Fund Raising

We require further funding ideas and support, so that we can start **phase TWO** of the renovation project

### ***Suggestion: £1000 from 500 donor/families***

Our next major and urgent fundraising challenge is to request 500 families (or individuals) to donate £1000 towards the renovation project. Once we have reached the total of £500k, we will then be able to continue with 2nd phase( final phase) of the renovation project .

Insha Allah

Please continue to support us, JazakAllah. To register for this and future donations please contact us. You can pay online through the website (*which is the most secure and easiest option*) and set up a monthly direct debit.

## FEEDBACK

Do you Like this idea of a newsletter?

Would you prefer a copy posted to your home or prefer a digital format , either Email or via WhatsApp.

Please let us know, we value your feedback.

***Please text your full name to 07796 184848, and we will add you to the WhatsApp group (its only admin who can post here, strictly regarding renovation & Masjid related information only). Or if you prefer not to be on the group, but still want the same updates, we can send the same details on a one-to-one basis rather than via the group, protecting your details from others on the group.***

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## Contact us

-via email:

[info@madnimasjid.org.uk](mailto:info@madnimasjid.org.uk)

-In person, visit Manor Street Masjid after Isha salaah any day.

(Request timetable or messages us via, WhatsApp /SMS to

**07796 184848**

Visit the website:

[www.madnimasjid.org.uk](http://www.madnimasjid.org.uk)

where you will be able to access pictures of the project & find latest post and timetables.

Finally - Please remember us, this project and all the Ummah in your dua's

Jazak Allah Khairun

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