

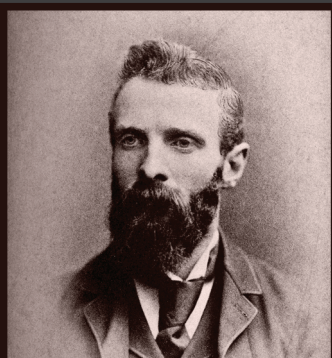
Restore England's First Mosque

Help to refurbish the mosque founded by Abdullah Quilliam 1887

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Inside of England's first Mosque 1889



Sheikh Abdullah Quilliam

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"Abdullah Quilliam Society was formed with the aim to re-open England's First Mosque and create an Islamic Heritage Centre in the birthplace of Islam in Victorian Britain. It took us 15 years to finally reopen the original mosque in June 2014. The long struggle was made possible due to the continued support received from the British Muslim Community."

The interest generated by the local congregation and new visitors coming to the Mosque motivated us to embark on the Third Phase of Development. Work on Muslim student accommodations on second and third floor is now complete. Work on the ground and first floors are in the finishing stages. Re-installation of the beautiful Victorian cornices on the education and welcoming section of the Heritage Centre is now in progress. Work on the permanent ablutions and heritage rooms in the basement is on going as well.

The Abdullah Quilliam Mosque is open to non-Muslims. We regularly have new converts who take the Shahada in this mosque. We are active participants in Mosque and Heritage Open Days. Several hundred people visited us recently including The Bishop of Liverpool, other Civic dignitaries and local people. On the educational front, Islamic education for children and adults are ongoing. A new ESF funded women's education classes started teaching English language, IT and employ ability skills. Working with the British Library, we are also producing digital library of Quilliam publications for research on Sheikh Abdullah Quilliam and Victorian Muslims.



Galib Khan - Founder & Chairman of Abdullah Quilliam Society

The Abdullah Quilliam Mosque congregation along with the Liverpool and Everton football fan clubs has formed a food bank to support residents of north Liverpool. Not only is the Quilliam Mosque engaged in the venture; other groups such as The Muslim Nursery at Felicity House also joined where children are also collecting and making donations."

Our Supporters



"I am pleased to give my warm and wholehearted support to the development of the Abdullah Quilliam Heritage Centre. This is a very exciting and innovative project and I believe it can play a valuable part in promoting harmony and understanding between those of different faiths. I believe that only as those of different faiths begin to speak and to work together can there be hope for peace in the world."

The Rt Revd James Jones -Former Bishop of Liverpool
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The Rt Revd Paul Bayes, the current Bishop of Liverpool has also agreed to be a patron of the Abdullah Quilliam Society. On his inaugural visit to the First Mosque he appreciated the efforts of our communities in building bridges of faith.



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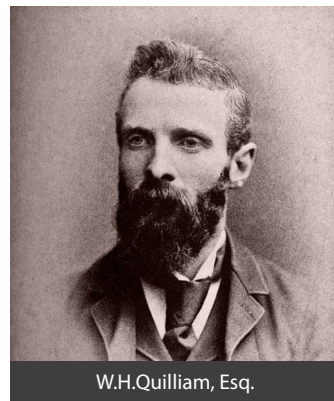


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W.H.Quilliam, Esq.

William Henry Quilliam, a local Liverpool solicitor and resident embraced Islam in 1887 (aged 31), after returning from a visit to Morocco, and took on the name Abdullah. He claimed that he was the first native Englishman to embrace Islam. His conversion led to a remarkable story of the growth of Islam in Victorian Britain. This history is now beginning to emerge and has important lessons for Muslims in Britain and around the world.

After embracing Islam, Quilliam began a campaign of Dawah, which in the circumstances of Victorian England, has to be described as the most effective in the UK to date. He became an Alim, an Imam and the most passionate advocate of Islam in the Western world. In 1894 Sultan Abdul Hamid II, the last Ottoman Caliph, appointed him Sheikh-ul-Islam of the British Isles. The Emir of Afghanistan recognised him as the Sheikh of Muslims in Britain. He was also appointed as the Persian Vice Counsel to Liverpool by the Shah. He became a prominent spokesman for Islam in the media and was recognised by Muslims around the world. He is the only Muslim in Britain to have officially held the position of Sheikh-ul-Islam of Britain. He issued many Fatwas in his capacity as appointed Leader of Muslims in Britain. These fatwas are relevant even today.



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He established the Mosque and Liverpool Muslim Institute at No. 8 Brougham Terrace and later purchased the remainder of the terrace, and opened a boarding school for boys and a day school for girls. He also opened an orphanage (Medina House) for non-Muslim children whose parents could not look after them, and agreed to for them to be raised in the values of Islam.

In 1893 the Institute published a weekly magazine, named 'The Crescent', and later added the monthly 'Islamic World', which was printed on the Institute's own press and distributed to over 20 countries. The Crescent was published every week from 1893-1908 (nearly 800 editions), and was effectively a dairy and record of Islam in Britain and around the world. There are hundreds of archive copies of these magazines in the British Library. Without this unique weekly record we would not know of the existence of this native Muslim community of around 200 people in Liverpool, and many other parts of Britain. These offer the first attempt at Muslim journalism in the UK and offer a unique insight into a British Muslims view of events and issues in Liverpool, the UK and the Muslim world, at a crucial period of Muslims living under colonial rule.

He also wrote and published a number of books. In particular his "Faith of Islam" had three editions translated into thirteen different languages, and was so popular that Queen Victoria ordered a copy and then re-ordered copies for her children. The Institute grew, and at the turn of the century held a membership of 200 predominantly English Muslim men, women and children from across the local community. Quilliam's dawah led to around 600 people in the UK embracing Islam, many of them very educated and prominent individuals in British Society, as well as ordinary men and women. His efforts also led to the first Japanese man embracing Islam.

Quilliam eventually had to leave England after facing hostility and persecution, the first Muslim experience of "Islamophobia" in the UK. He eventually returned to the UK and adopted the name Haroun Mustapha Leon, and passed away in 1932 near Woking, and was buried in Brookfield Cemetery where Abdullah Yusuf Ali, Marmaduke Pickthall and Lord Headly are also buried.

History of the Abdullah Quilliam Society (AQS) - Past, Present and the Future

The Abdullah Quilliam Society (AQS) is a UK registered charity founded in 1998 by a small group of Liverpool Muslims, including Dr. Muhammad Akbar Ali, Galib Khan, Zia Choudri, Mrs. Abassi, Somaya and Rashid Macteer. They became aware of a unique heritage of Islam in Victorian Britain, in the city of Liverpool. This history was located in the Liverpool City Council registry office for births, deaths and marriages. This building was once the site of the historic first UK Mosque, Muslim community Institutions and Dawah activities of Sheikh Abdullah Quilliam from 1889-1908. Staff at the registry office would often refer to the room where all the files of births, deaths and marriages were stored as "the little Mosque" without realising the significance or history behind it. So by an amazing coincidence of history, almost every Liverpool resident for a decade has visited this historic building and many have had their marriage ceremony performed in it.



The late Dr. Muhammad Akbar Ali MBE - AQS Founder

AQS first objective was to obtain possession of the building and restore it back to the original historic mosque. In the year 2000 Liverpool City Council vacated the property and handed it to the AQS and Muslim community to look after and develop. It was handed over in poor condition and in need of renovation.

Once the AQS has funds to renovate the building, Liverpool Council will transfer ownership to the Society.

Over the years AQS has given numerous talks on this important history and hosted many visitors and media. The Society has now completely renovated the roof, which was decaying and leaking. The Mosque and remainder of the building still need renovation. The Society has kept this unique history alive through many talks, visits and media interviews. It has also encouraged people to further research this heritage. Last year, a new book was published, "Islam in Victorian Britain: The Life and Times of Abdullah Quilliam" by Professor Ron Geaves. This book gives a unique insight into the building, the life of Sheikh Quilliam and the first established Muslim Community in Britain.

AQS - The Past

PHASE ONE

In 2006 and 2007, a number of vandal attacks, roof lead flashing and internal copper pipe theft occurred. This led to ingress of water and development of Timber Wet & Dry Rot and massive internal damage to the buildings. The whole building had to be made water tight requiring re-roofed with Welsh Slates and lead flashings and guttering as required for a Listed Building.



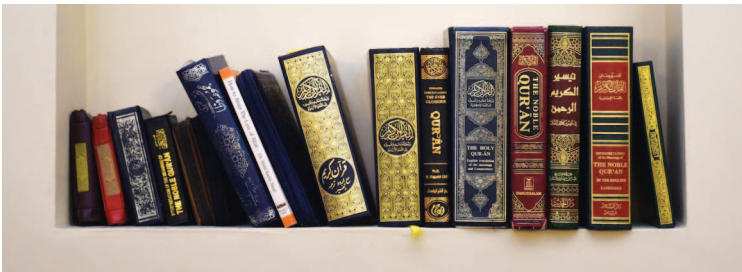
We completed Phase One in December 2008



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This stage of works involved re-opening the Mosque after 106 years of closure. Phase Two was restricted to the Ground Floor of 8 Brougham Terrace only.



Phase 2 started June 2013 and completed in July 2014



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PHASE 3 & 4

Immediately after opening the historic Mosque, demand from national and even international groups of Muslims required more facilities and services. Ground floor of 9 and 10 Brougham Terraces was urgently needed to cater for the large number of congregation who attended during the Ramadan and on Fridays. Temporary arrangements were made to accommodate the demand. Following on, a group of committed Muslims was formed to forward plan the development. Invitation to join the Project Development Group was publicised during Jummah Prayer. A group of 10 persons joined this group. Several plan options were developed and discussed over a period two months. They were also displayed for the whole congregation to comment on and an amended Phased Development Plan was adopted. This adopted plan was also discussed with the Planners, Conservation Officer and Building Control Inspector for their comments. This process will continue up to the receipt of formal approval and construction to proceed.

Phase 3 refurbishment and development works are in progress. The basement is being developed to provide separate ablution facilities for ladies and gents. Also included in the basement is a Victorian Islamic Heritage room and kitchen facilities for a cafe on the ground floor connected by a dumb waiter. One room in the basement will also be reinstated as a Victorian cast iron kitchen as originally built.

On the ground floor there will be a visitors centre reception, a cafe and a dedicated womens suite and the mosque. The first floor will include, class rooms, a library, and a media/AV room. To make the centre financially sustainable, the second and attic floors are planned as residential accommodation for students and visitors.



Existing wudu area - Inadequate to cater for 500 worshippers that currently attend the Jummah prayers



New proposed wudu area. Includes water features on wall and floor, natural plants and sandstone tiles



Top elevation of proposed wudu space



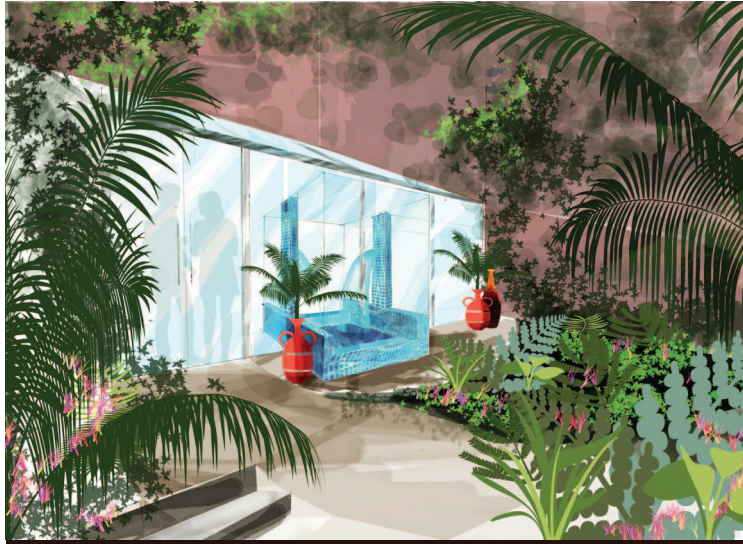
Concept visual - Abdullah Quilliam Heritage Centre
View from the display area towards the cafe



Concept visual - Abdullah Quilliam Heritage Centre
Lecture Room

We intend to complete Phase 3 & 4 by December 2017





Concept visual - Abdullah Quilliam Heritage Centre
Islamic courtyard garden & cafe



Concept visual - Abdullah Quilliam Heritage Centre
New main road entrance



Concept visual - Abdullah Quilliam Heritage Centre
Proposed view of backyard of mosque

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Present Renovation Projects at the Historic Mosque



Restoring original Victorian kitchen into Cafeteria.
Image shows original Victorian bread making stove and cooker.



Restoring original Victorian features present throughout the mosque.



Library completed with plaster mould coving.



Storage room for all original Victorian features.



Heritage room/museum - to showcase replica organ and printing press present at the time of Abdullah Quilliam.

Please help to keep our Islamic heritage in the U.K. by donating what you can to aid this invaluable restoration project. It can only be possible with your amazing support. Make a single or monthly donation today!



See back page on ways to donate



Training rooms all to be completed with lime plaster incorporating horse hair as with listed building requirements.



The Abdullah Mosque & Heritage Centre

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...Protect our
Heritage
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Preserve It...

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Donate and save our Heritage

The AQS wants to restore the historic Mosque and its original features. We wish to recreate a library, museum, lecture hall, residences, school and dawah centre. We will create a visitor centre where Muslims and non-Muslims can come to see this historic site and learn about Islam and Muslim history in the UK and Europe.

"Whosoever builds for Allah a masjid, Allah will reward him similar to it in paradise." {Bukhari}



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