

# *Help Restore & Expand England's First Ever Mosque*

BUILDING A NATIONAL  
ISLAMIC HERITAGE  
& EDUCATION CENTRE



The Abdullah  
Quilliam Society

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*Dear readers, we present to you a rare opportunity for the Muslim community to expand England's first Mosque, established in 1887 at 8 Brougham Terrace, Liverpool by the distinguished Sheikh Abdullah Quilliam.*

Our vision is to purchase and restore the ornate red bricked building adjacent to the Mosque, which is owned by Liverpool City Council, to expand our inspirational heritage and educational centre into the largest in the region. A former European Capital of Culture, Liverpool is one of the UK's most popular destinations and our aim is to create a unique Victorian Islam visitor centre for Muslims and people of all backgrounds.

Sheikh Abdullah Quilliam was a principled and courageous pioneer who laid the foundations of the Islamic faith in the UK. Please join this incredible legacy by donating a tile and supporting this unique institution, The Abdullah Quilliam Mosque & National Heritage Centre, which will serve as a beacon for learning, faith and inspiration for generations to come. May Allah (swt) accept it from us all. Jazakallah'Khair

**The Trustees  
Abdullah Quilliam Society**



*"Britain's first Mosque, established in 1887"*

*"our vision is to purchase and restore this historic building as we have done with the Mosque to create a fabulous heritage & educational complex"*

## Sheikh Abullah Quilliam

*William Henry Quilliam, a Liverpool-based solicitor embraced Islam aged 31 in 1887, after returning from a visit to Morocco, & took the name Abdullah.*

His reversion led to a remarkable growth of Islam in Victorian Britain. His life is a chronicle of devotion to Islam, fearless determination in adversity and self-sacrifice, with profound lessons for Muslims in Britain and around the world today.

Sheikh Abdullah began a campaign of Dawah, in a generally hostile environment, becoming an Imam and a 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, other Muslim state leaderships also recognised his title.

He became a prominent spokesman for Islam in the media and was recognised by Muslims around the world. He established the first English Mosque and Liverpool Muslim Institute at No. 8 Brougham Terrace, opening a boarding school and establishing the Medina House Orphanage. In 1893 the Institute published a weekly magazine:



'The Crescent', and later added the monthly 'Islamic World', printed on the Institute's own press and distributed to over 20 countries. Hundreds of archive copies in the British Library offer a unique insight on this native Muslim community of around 500 people in Liverpool, and other parts of Britain. He authored several books, including "The Faith of Islam" translated into 13 different languages. It was so popular that Queen Victoria ordered a copy and re-ordered copies for her children.



The Institute grew and Sheikh Abdullah's Dawah led to around 600 people in the UK embracing Islam, many of them educated and prominent individuals in British society. He passed away in 1932 near Woking and was buried in Brookwood Cemetery, amongst other notable 20th century Muslim luminaries, Marmaduke Pickthall, Abdullah Yusuf Ali and Lord Headley.

# The Abdullah Quilliam Society

## Who are we?

Founded in 1997, the Abdullah Quilliam Society's primary goal was to secure and renovate England's first Mosque at 8-10 Brougham Terrace. Having raised and invested over £1.5 million, the old building continues to be sympathetically refurbished, to the former charm and glory of its original Victorian period. We now require your support in the third phase of this iconic development, to purchase the freehold of the building next door, 1-7 Brougham Terrace.



**1997**

AQS is formed to preserve the legacy of England's first Mosque, which has been closed for over 100 years



**2003-2013**

Having secured the original building at 8-10 Brougham Terrace, £1.5million is raised and spent on restoration works



**2019**

Lease obtained for the adjacent building 1-7 Brougham Terrace with option to acquire entire freehold

**2002**

AQS launches its building restoration scheme at Liverpool Town Hall

**2014**

Official opening of the Masjid after 106 years of closure



**2020**

Launch of the Abdullah Quilliam Masjid & National Heritage Centre project to purchase and build an iconic, beacon centre for future generations

# A Liverpool Landmark

## Fulfilling the Vision

Sheikh Abdullah Quilliam was a professional, a scholar, a philanthropist, an activist and a teacher. Our vision for the final phase of the development is to embody these exemplary attributes in all the facilities and services the new Abdullah Quilliam Mosque & National Heritage Centre will offer. The finished complex will provide a rich and evocative spiritual, cultural and historical experience for both Muslims and non-Muslims.

### 8-10 Brougham Terrace

**Basement:** A functioning Victorian kitchen and Victorian printing press

**Ground Floor:** The AQS Islamic Art Gallery and Victorian tearooms

**First Floor:** AQS Islamic Museum with artefacts from around the world

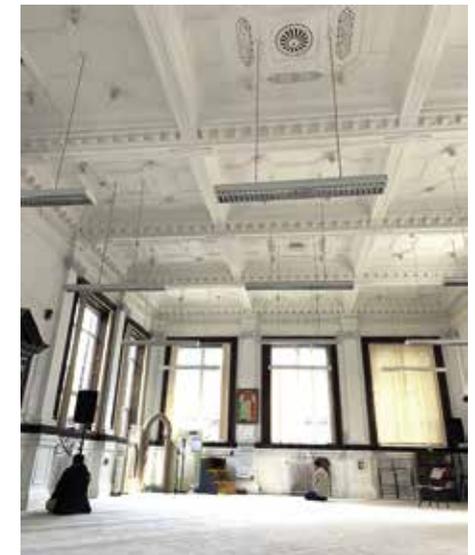
**Second Floor:** AQS Research Centre, Library & Community Archive

### 1-7 Brougham Terrace

**Ground Floor:** The AQS Legacy Centre, Heritage Shop, restaurant with glass roof apex and community gardens

**First Floor:** Extension of prayer facilities to accommodate over 2000 congregants

**Second Floor:** AQS Education, Training & Community Centre with conference and banquetting facility



# Be Part of a National Legacy Project

## *The Al Qalam Donors Exhibit*

Aptly named after the 68th Chapter of the Glorious Qur'an The Al Qalam (The Pen) Donors Exhibit will be a permanent feature spread across the ground floors of both buildings in Brougham Terrace. Exquisitely crafted with ceramic tiles manufactured in Spain, the tiles will embellish the name or family name and city location of generous donors.

We require £500,000 to complete this momentous project, the outer tiles are just £250 and the inner tile is £500. So whether it is in the name of your family, business or deceased loved one please make a donation today. We look forward to welcoming you in the future.



**CENTRE TILE  
£500**

**OUTER TILE  
£250**

# Ways to Donate

**ONLY  
£500,000  
REQUIRED FOR  
COMPLETION**

 **Online & Phone**  
Please visit:  
[abdullahquilliam.org/donations/](http://abdullahquilliam.org/donations/)  
Or call: **0151 260 3986**

 **By Cheque**  
Please make cheques payable to:  
**Abdullah Quilliam Society**  
and post with details on reverse to: AQS  
8-10 Brougham Terrace, Liverpool L6 1AE

 **Via Bank Transfer**  
Account Name: Abdullah Quilliam Society  
Sort Code: 40-29-28 Account No: 01158945  
IBAN: GB96HBUK40292801158945  
Swift Code: HBUKGB4B

*‘Whomsoever builds a House for Allah (swt), whether it be small or large, Allah (swt) builds for them, a house in Paradise’ [Tirmidhi]*



*Direct us Lord in the right way,  
Nor ever let us go astray;  
Graciously keep us in Thy path,  
Preserve us from Thy holy wrath.*

A Poem: Sheikh Abdullah Quilliam, 1892



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