

The Ahmadiyya Muslim Association

The Ahmadiyya Muslim Association was established in India in 1889 by Hadhrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad, (as) who proclaimed to be the Promised Messiah and reformer of the age as prophesied in the old scriptures and by the Holy Prophet of Islam (saw). It is a religious organisation that seeks to present the true interpretation of Islam and advocates its peaceful dissemination. It is vigorously active in caring for the underprivileged.

In this respect, the Association has opened numerous schools, colleges, dispensaries and hospitals in various countries of Africa where care for the sick and education is offered to all irrespective of their race, colour or creed and their ability to pay. In recent times it has provided food aid and provisions along with medical assistance to the victims of wars and catastrophes all over the world including Bosnia, Turkey, Japan, Iran and Sierra Leone. Following the Tsunami and earthquakes in South Asia, the Ahmadiyya Muslim Association was prompt in providing assistance to the victims by establishing field hospitals and other means of help.



*Hadhrot Mirza
Ghulam Ahmad (as)*

Development of the Walks

The Ahmadiyya Muslim Association has had a long history in organising these walks, which were initiated by the then head of the movement, Hadhrot Mirza Tahir Ahmad. The first walk was held on 18th May 1985 in Tilford. Initially the walks were restricted to the surrounding or the site in Tilford, Surrey. Later new locations were explored and the Walks were held in the Yorkshire Dales, the Bournemouth seaside, Bradford, Hartlepool, Gillingham, Morden and Croydon. During the early years the amounts raised for charity were only a few hundred pounds with Imperial Cancer Research Fund being the main beneficiary.

However, during subsequent years, this aspect of the Walk was considerably strengthened as targets were set and other charities were included as beneficiaries. Among these have been 'Save the Children' and 'Great Ormond Street Hospital', BHF, Age-concern, Samaritans, as well as numerous local charities. On the sad demise of Hadhrot Mirza Tahir Ahmad in April 2003, Hadhrot Mirza Masroor Ahmad was elected as the Khalifa to lead the movement. Like his predecessor he has continued to give invaluable guidance to improve the walks and urged the organisers to focus on local charities, so that they are not left out. Projects for providing water were started in African countries such as Burkina Faso, Sierra Leone, Gambia, Niger and Tanzania to make this vital resource easily accessible to citizens..



*Hadhrot Mirza
Tahir Ahmad*



*Hadhrot Mirza
Masroor Ahmad*

The Association's activities have been well received. Her Royal Highness Princess Anne awarded the Princes Royal Certificate of Thanks to the Association for its support to the Save the Children and in the foyer of the Great Ormond Street Hospital is a plaque acknowledging the contribution of the Association to its cause. In 2010, the walk was held in Birmingham and over £162,000 was raised and distributed to various charities. This year a challenging target of £240,000 has been set.