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Bushey's Multifaith Mile: New Muslim Community Centre Launched in Bushey, joining Christian, Jewish and Jain Community Centres.

Bushey, Hertfordshire – The charming town of Bushey, already renowned for its rich tapestry of diverse faiths, welcomes a new addition to its spiritual landscape. The newly established Bushey Islamic Circle (CIO) proudly joins the Christian, Jewish, and Jain community centres, further enhancing the town's reputation for and harmony.

Nestled in the heart of Bushey at the historic Bushey Country Club, the Bushey Islamic Circle (BIC) offers a space for the spiritual and educational needs of the Muslim community. This vibrant centre is more than just a place of worship; it is a hub of community activities, featuring prayer facilities, community events, exercise classes, health and nutritional talks, and youth clubs.

Spanning just over a mile stretch, Bushey's Multifaith Mile houses a variety of churches, a synagogue, a Jain spiritual centre and a Muslim community centre.

A BIC spokesperson highlighted the significance of this development, stating:

"Beyond the physical beauty of Bushey's natural landscape, people from all walks of life are residents of Bushey. Many of us have called Bushey home our entire lives and it's been a blessing to grow up alongside diverse communities whether in terms of faith, heritage, worldview or otherwise. We're thrilled to be able to have a space for Bushey's long-standing Muslim community, offering prayer spaces, social events, exercise classes, and educational talks. Where possible, we hope to one day ensure that social events, exercise classes among others are open to the wider community. We're looking forward to working with the broader Bushey community to ensure that Bushey remains a place we can be proud of."

Bushey's Multifaith Mile is already home to a significant community of Bahá'ís, Christians, Hindus, Jains and other faiths, who have found Bushey to be a welcoming home for many decades. The addition of the Bushey Islamic Circle enriches this spiritual melting pot, fostering a spirit of unity and shared purpose among the diverse residents.

A long-time Bushey resident, who has lived in the town for 35 years, shared their excitement:

"I have lived in Bushey for 35 years and have never seen The Bushey Centre being utilised the way it is now. It is refreshing to see a building being used no less than 5 times a day and offering a variety of activities to all. The Bushey Country Club has been home to many businesses and activities for several decades but over the past few years has gone on to be the home for an established car wash, boxing gym, restaurant and café, a dance school and now an educational centre for local Muslims. It really is refreshing to see how diverse the community is."

The establishment of the BIC is a testament to Bushey's commitment to fostering a community spirit that integrates, supports, and celebrates its diverse population.



As BIC opens its doors, it not only serves the Muslim community but also invites collaboration and participation from all of Bushey's residents, ensuring that Bushey remains a beacon of unity and pride.

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