

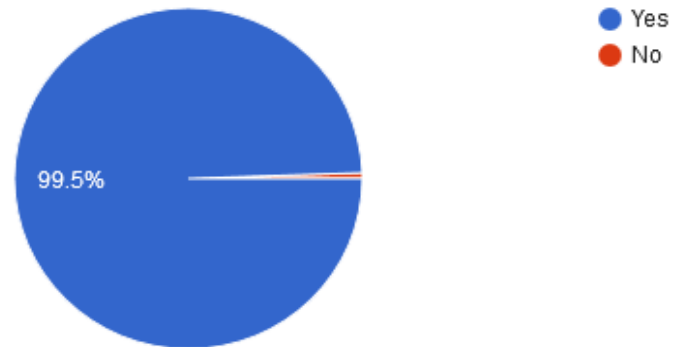
Towards a United Eid in the UK Survey

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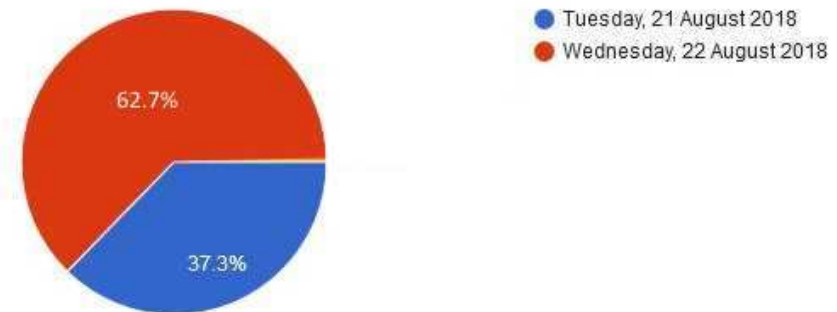
Are you a UK resident?

185 responses



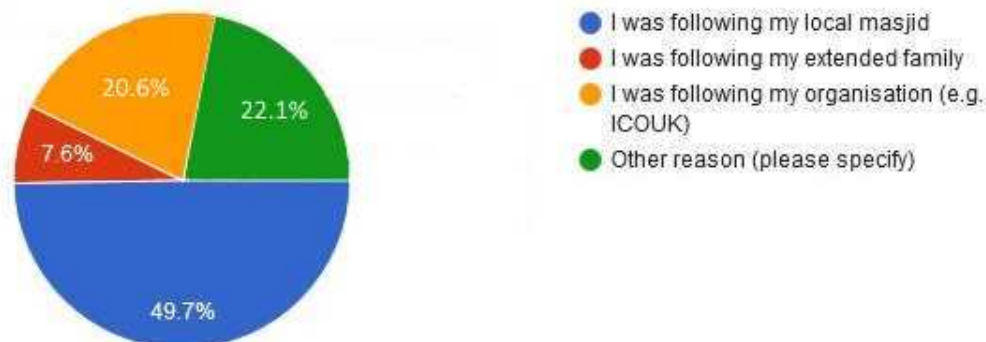
When did you celebrate last Eid-ul Adha (1439 AH)?

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What was the main reason for doing Eid on the above date?

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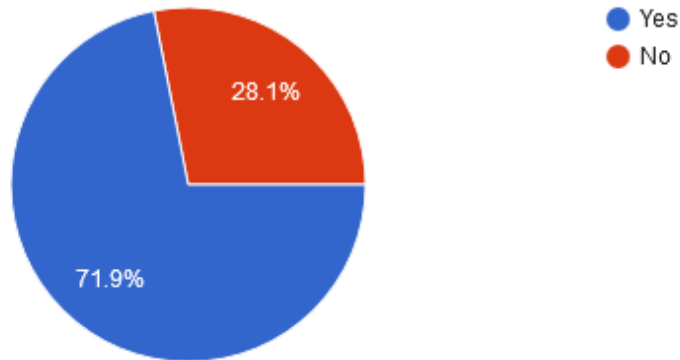


Other reason (please specify) - sample

22/08/18	Ensure that Eid is observed as per sunnah of local sighting rather than following anyone
22/08/18	Following advice from Imaam who said to follow Sunnah and stay with local sighting
22/08/18	Following the sighting of the moon which my organisation follows
22/08/18	I always follow the Sunni Brelvi mosques and their suggestion for Eid day
22/08/18	I follow the Sunnah, so did it according to moon sighting.
22/08/18	I followed actual sighting. I used the scientific data to negate the saudi sighting claim.
21/08/18	following saudi arabia
21/08/18	The majority of mosques including Regent's Park seemed to follow this
21/08/18	We followed the announcement of London central mosque who followed the announcement from Saudi Arabia

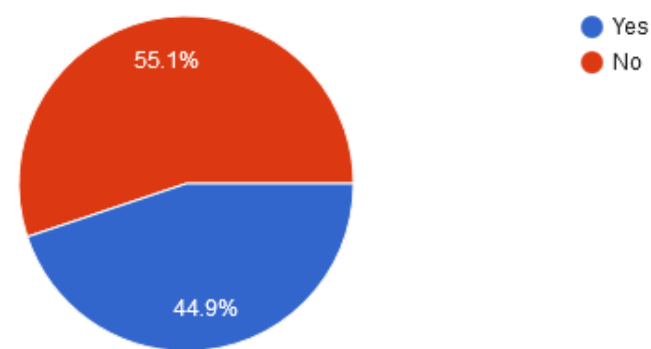
Are you willing to do moon sighting from your town?

185 responses



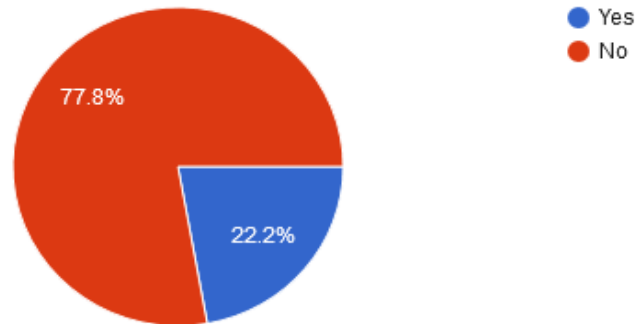
Are you willing to organise moon sighting training in your town?

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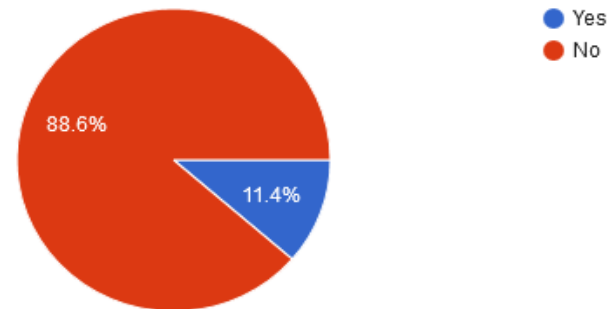
Are you a member of a Masjid Committee/Trustees?

185 responses



Are you an Imam or Alim (Maulana/Mufti)?

185 responses



What is your suggestion for a United Eid next year – sample 1

22/08/18	For Saudi followers to hold back and celebrate together with Morocco followers
22/08/18	Local sighting takes away all other options and fully acts upon the sunnah. Forget saudi and forget Morocco use your own home country.
22/08/18	Follow the sunnah and search for the sighting of the moon rather than base it on a set calender based on the birth of the moon.
22/08/18	Astronomy-qualified Ulema to make decision on the sighting of the moon.
22/08/18	To explain to all Muslims that we must follow the moon sighting in the UK or nearest Muslim country and not Saudi Arabia
22/08/18	Its not about United Eid, we can have a United Eid and still be wrong, it's about following the correct Sharah procedure to establish validity.
22/08/18	A national body with governmentnal links
22/08/18	Stick to a local sighting or take a sighting of Morocco only.

What is your suggestion for a United Eid next year – sample 2

21/08/18	To have a central body who sight the moon in the UK and announce to UK. We need to have a clear practise in place and one central body to follow
21/08/18	I think people need to be educated, method of both groups with proofs
21/08/18	An agreement between imams from the majority of mosques displayed on a neutral website like www.moonsighting.org.uk
21/08/18	Even though the people who do it a day later are technically correct. I think we should do with the majority to prevent family & friends celebrating differently
21/08/18	To get masjids involved and leaders of communities. Promote the importance of moonsighting in Islam and local moonsighting.
21/08/18	Duaa followed by effort to educate people around us on individual basis and organising mass events for collective benefit of community.
21/08/18	Get the main body of scholars together

Do you have any other comment (not included above)?

1. "This issue is not the domain of Alims or Muftis. It is strictly the domain of scientists and those people who have knowledge of the workings of the universe, especially the movements of our Sun, Earth and our Moon. We should not follow the Saudi calendar just as we do not follow the Saudi salah times. Muslims in the UK must create a calendar for the UK and not import any from another country."
2. "Local mosques group together and have allegiances to each other but not the hukm of Rasool Allah عليه الصلاة والسلام. This must be tackled by the senior representatives and ulema of these organisations."
3. "I love to follow nearest Muslim country from UK, which I believe is Morocco just because Saudi Arabia is so far from UK."
4. "We can't rely on seeing the moon in UK as we may not see it for a few days after it has been born."

*Note: The **amber** and **green** coloured texts above indicate the comments are from those who did Eid-ul Adha 1439 on 21 and 22 August 2018, respectively.*

Conclusion: The above results show most people (who responded to the survey) have celebrated Eid with local/regional moon sighting as per Sunnah and proposed more training throughout the UK. Others suggested a national conference of specialist scholars to review the current practice. Therefore, it is suggested all UK regions should organise a local moon sighting training session within 6 months (October 2018 – March 2019), followed by a National Moon Sighting Conference in April 2019 (Shaban 1440), inshaAllah.

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