

## UK Islamic heritage



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Masjid Shah Jahan,
UK's First Purpose Built Masjid in
Woking, England.

## Masjid Shah Jahan

'Quilliams Liverpool Masjid pre-dates

Masjid Shah Jahan, but the Shah Jahan has
the honour of being the first purpose built

Masjid in Europe outside of Muslim Spain.

'Masjid Shah Jahan' was built in 1889 in

Woking, England, UK. The first purpose
built Masjid in Europe outside of Muslim

Spain.

The Masjid was actually built by a convert,

Dr Gottlieb Wilhelm Leitner, with the
donation of Begum Shah Jahan, the Nawab

Begum of the princely state of Bhopal,

India. Masjid Shah Jahan was named after

her.









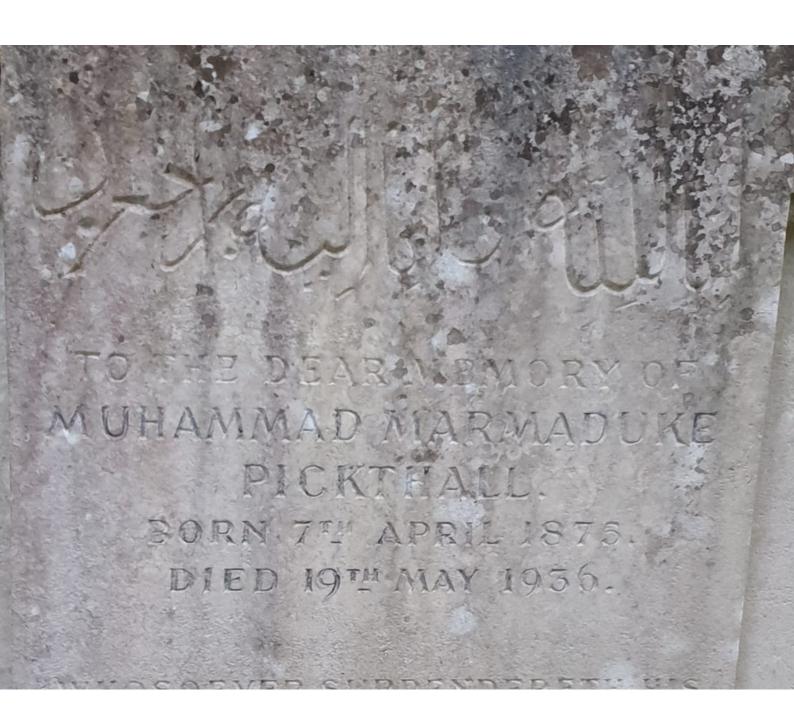






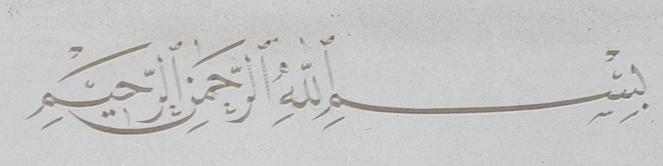


Grave of Muhammad Marmaduke Pickthall, in Brookwood cemetery, Woking, England, UK. Author of 'The Meaning Of The Glorious Qur'an'.



His translation of the Qur'an is one of the most widely known, and used in the English-speaking world. A convert from Christianity, he declared his conversion to Islam on 29th November 1917.





In the name of God the most merciful the most kind

Muslim War Cemetery - Peace Garden

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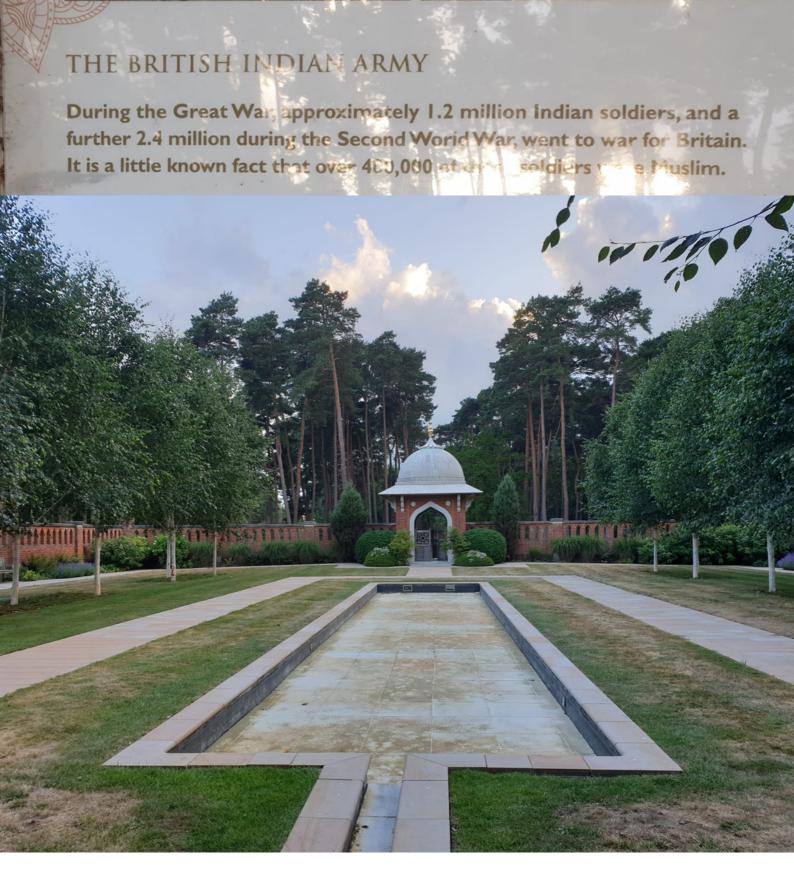
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Muslim War Cemetery - Peace Garden - Woking, England.





During the Great War, approximately 1.2 million Indian soldiers, and a further 2.4 million during the Second World War, went to war for Britain. It is a little known fact that 400,000 of them soldiers were Muslim.

## Turkish Air Cemetery in Woking



## Englands First Masjid In Liverpool



Abdullah Quilliam founder of Englands first Masjid (est 1887) & the first native Englishman to embrace Islam.

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**.

The Caliph of Islam, **Sultan Abdul Hameed II** (the last Ottoman Caliph), gave Abdullah Quilliam the official title of **Sheikh al-Islam for 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.

Quilliam's propagation led to around **600** people in the UK embracing Islam, many of them very educated and prominent individuals in British Society during **Victorian Britain**, as well as ordinary men and

women. His efforts also led to the first Japanese man embracing Islam.







