

WHEN Sheffield Moslems re-opened their mosque at Darnall—closed for 14 months during a legal battle—they found furniture and carpets missing, windows broken and upper rooms covered in water.

Speaking at the mosque, in Industry Road, shortly after it was re-opened yesterday, Mr Mohammed Nur estimated that the damage ran into hundreds of pounds.

Mr Nur, one of the men involved in the legal struggle and a former president of the mosque committee, said: "Every Moslem is thrilled that it has been opened again but it's terrible that it's in this state."

He said windows were broken, a side door had been smashed, in one of the upper rooms a ceiling had partly fallen in, carpets, main items of furniture and loudspeakers were missing and there were pools of water in upper rooms.

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But despite the difficulties, the mosque, formerly used by more than 500 Sheffield Moslems, is open for worship.

Mr Nur anticipated little difficulty in raising the "at least £500" needed to put the damage right.

"Our people are very generous when giving in support of their mosque," he said.

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