

Hindu Cultural Association (Wales)

(Registered Charity no: 1002569)

Independent Examiner Report and Financial Statements

Year ended: 31 December 2023

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Legal and administrative information during the year ended 31 December 2023

Executive Committee:

Chair	Mrs. Niru Kumar
Vice Chairperson	Mrs.Versha Sood
Secretary	Mr.Suresh Arava
Deputy Secretary	Mr.Seshakiran Chemudipati
Treasurer	Mr.Santosh Bhat
Deputy Treasurer	Dr. Amit Chandratreya

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Annual Report of the Management Committee for the Year to 31 December 2023

Hindu Cultural Association (Wales) is registered with the Charity Commission and has charitable status for taxation purposes.

Structure, governance and management

The Governance document of Hindu Cultural Association (Wales) is its Constitution and it is an unincorporated association.

Board of Trustees:

The Charity is administered by an executive committee, comprising:

Chairperson	Mrs. Niru Kumar
Vice Chairperson	Mrs. Versha Sood
Secretary	Mr. Suresh Arava
Deputy Secretary	Mr. Seshakiran Chemudipati
Treasurer	Mr. Santosh Bhat
Deputy Treasurer	Dr. Amit Chandratreya

Current Trustees as at 31 Dec 2023

Mr. Prabhat Kumar
Mr. Keshav Singhal
Dr. Chandrahas Roy
Mr. H N Chaudhry
Mr. Ravi Narayan
Mr. Bapuji Rao
Mr. Satya Kishore Sharma

Appointment of Trustees

The governors have been installed since the formation of the board of governors and are familiar with the aims and objectives of the Community.

The Hindu Cultural Association's Policy for the appointment of new governor trustees is normally by means of bi-annual elections.

All custodian trustees are appointed by the Board of Governors.

Organizational Structure

The Executive Committee currently consists of nine executive officers, President and two vice presidents who, along with the Board of Governors (24), meet regularly to discuss and review the financial position, the fund raising strategy and all other charity matters, with all major decisions being made at these meetings. Day to day minor matters is delegated to the staff and volunteers.

Objects and Activities

The Charity's objects are supported by the charity's sole activity. The Objectives of the charity is to advance the understanding and awareness of Hindu religion and advance education, relieve poverty, distress and sickness amongst the Hindu community residents in Wales. The Charity depends upon the continuing help of volunteer's particularly young people.

Achievements and Performance

The Hindu Cultural Association (Wales) is keen to offer a range of services during the week and over the course of the year that our community find both beneficial and spiritually fulfilling. During the year due to Covid-19 situation membership numbers haven't changed and the Charity's continuing aim is to increase the incoming resources in order to provide services in line with its constitution.

As a future plan, the Hindu Cultural Association (Wales) is committed to continuing the charity's aim and objectives. We are all conscious that the present premises are too small but have exciting plans to extend the property at the rear, in order that the activities at the Centre can be further expanded.

During the Covid-19 pandemic, the management committee was greatly committed to helping society at large. The management committee is privileged and feels honored that the Hindu Cultural Association (Wales) was granted permission and permitted to organize a Covid-19 Vaccination site at the charity premises for the public.

Internal Control and Risk Management

The trustees have the responsibility for ensuring that the charity has in place an appropriate system of controls, financial and otherwise, to provide reasonable assurance that the charity is operating efficiently and effectively, its assets are safeguarded against unauthorized use or disposition, that proper records are maintained and financial information used within the charity or for publication is reliable and the charity complies with relevant laws and regulations.

The Trustees actively review on a regular basis the principal risks which the charity faces, notably the threat arising from any prolonged decline in voluntary income, and believe that the systems which have been established to enable the production of regular reports in all financial and operational areas will effectively mitigate these risks.

Public Benefit Statement

In furtherance of the objectives of the Centre, the Trustees of the Hindu Cultural Association (Wales) have complied with the duty in S17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the Charity Commission's published general and sub-sector guidance concerning the operation of the Public Benefit requirement under the Act.

Financial review

The state of the Charities affairs at 31st December 2023 and the results of its operations for the year ended on that date are set out in the attached financial statements.

Total receipts on unrestricted funds have increased by £ 38,580 in the year and amounted to £89,129 compared to £50,549 last year. In the period ended 31 December 2023, the charity received a sum of £ 5,977 as a donation from HM Revenue and Customs towards Gift Aid. The Charity made a surplus of £ 6,791 (2021: Deficit 4,594) after the depreciation of Tangible assets.

Further analysis shows that during the current year, the Charity has made a Profit of £ 16,121 (2022: profit £5,358) before the depreciation of Tangible assets. The Charity reported liabilities of £4,045 (2022: £ 4,745) in the balance sheet. The Charity's reserves as of 31 December 23 stood at £ 640,596 (2022:£ 633,805)

The activities of the charity have continued to highlight awareness of the charity and its work with the local community. The Trustees acknowledge the efforts of the staff, governors and volunteers in this direction, which has been enhanced by the support of a number of affiliated groups.

Expenditure remains under constant review, as the charity continues to make an effort to minimize running costs of the premises.

Reserves Policy

As at 31st December 2023 free reserves amounts to £646,887 (2022: £633,805). Our policy on reserves is to ensure that we have sufficient funds available to meet our commitments and the Executive Committee will consider designating reserves for specific purposes where it is considered to be necessary in the future.

Volunteers

The trustees are also extremely grateful to all volunteers who give up their free time to help further the aims of the charity.

Statement of Management committee's Responsibilities

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) issued on 16 July 2014 and the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011 and UK Generally Accepted Practice as it applies from 01 January 2015.

The accounts have been prepared to give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of its financial activities for that period and have departed from the Charities (Accounts & Reports) Regulation 2008 only to the extent required to provide a 'true and fair view'. This departure has involved Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) issued on 16 July 2014 rather the accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice effective from 01 April 2005 which has since been withdrawn.

Charity Law requires the management committee to prepare a Profit and Loss account and statement of assets and liabilities for each year, which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of its financial activities for that period which properly present the charity's income and expenditure for the year together with its assets and liabilities at the end of the year and adequately distinguish any material special trust or other restricted fund of the charity. In preparing those financial statements the management committee is requires to:-

- a) Select Suitable policies and then apply them consistently;
- b) Make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- c) State whether the policies adopted are in accordance with the appropriate SORP on Accounting by charities and the Accounting Regulations and with applicable accounting Standards, Subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements

The management committee is responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time, the financial position of the charity, and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with regulations stipulated in the Charities Act 2011. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the privation and detection of fraud or other irregularities.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Statement as to Disclosure of Information to Independent Examiners

So far as the management committee is aware, there is no relevant information of which the charity's Independent reviewers are unaware and each Trustee has taken steps that he ought to have taken as a Trustee in order to make himself aware of any relevant information and to establish that the charity's Independent examiners are aware of that information.

A resolution proposing that Sivapalan & Co be re-appointed as Independent examiner of the charity will be put to the Annual General Meeting.



Mrs Niru Kumar
(Chairperson)

Dated: 10/10/24.

For an on behalf of the Management Committee

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF HINDU CULTURAL ASSOCIATION (WALES)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31 December 2023, which are set out on pages 6 to 11

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts (financial Statement) in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on 1 April 2005 which is referred to in the extant regulations but has been withdrawn.

We understand that this has been done in order for the accounts to provide a true and fair view in accordance with the Generally Accepted Accounting Practice effective for reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2019.

The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- To follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioner under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In examining the charity's accounts, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate. Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on Charity's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue. Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the Trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

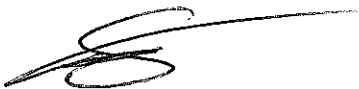
Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioner. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and the seeking of explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and, consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements
 - (a) To keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
 - (b) To prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act have not been met; or
- To which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Mr R Sivapalan
Sivapalan & Co Ltd
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Date: 10/10/24

Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 December 2023.

		2023	2022	
	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	
Notes	£	£	£	
<u>Income from Charitable activities</u>				
Donations	1(e) 70,876	-	70,876	34,105
Festivals, Function and Events	-	-	-	-
Hall Hire & Sponsorship Income	1,600	-	1,600	-
Membership Fees	3,398	-	3,398	4,066
Grant	7,034	-	7,034	2,370
Gift Aid	5,977	-	5,977	9,977
	<u>88,886</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>88,886</u>	<u>50,518</u>
Investment Income				
Deposit Account Interest	-	-	-	-
Other Income				
Insurance reclaim	-	-	-	-
Interest Income	243	-	243	32
	<u>89,129</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>89,129</u>	<u>50,550</u>
<u>Total Income and endowments</u>				
<u>Expenditure on charitable activities</u>				
Festival, Function and Events	9,718	-	9,718	5,948
Groceries, Provision and Catering Costs	5,760	-	5,760	5,697
Wages and NI	14,317	-	14,317	7,839
Pensions	-20	-	-20	50
Temple Expenses	2,371	-	2,371	1,242
Rates and Water	2,974	-	2,974	2,564
Repairs and Renewals	12,933	-	12,933	1,334
Light and Heat	10,833	-	10,833	12,420
Travel & Subsistence	870	-	870	382
Alarm & Security	901	-	901	-
Insurance	1,330	-	1,330	1,260
Telephone	567	-	567	248
Printings, Postage and Stationery	679	-	679	100
Website Expenses	1,234	-	1,234	600
Accountancy ,Independent Examination & Legal	1,418	-	1,418	3,803
Cleaning and Refuse Collection	1,402	-	1,402	1,456
Bank Charges and Interest	371	-	371	249
Depreciation on Fixed Assets	1,869	-	1,869	2,492
Depreciation on Building	7,461	-	7,461	7,461
Donation	5,350	-	5,350	-
	<u>82,338</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>82,338</u>	<u>55,145</u>
Total Expenditure on charitable activities				
Net income / (expenditure)				
	6,791	-	6,791	(4,595)
Total Funds at 1 January 23				
	633,805	-	633,805	638,400
Total Funds at 31 December 23				
	<u>640,596</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>640,596</u>	<u>633,805</u>

All of the above results are derived from continuing activities.

Income and Expenditure account for the year ended 31 December 2023

		2023		2022	
	Notes	£	£	£	£
Income					
Festivals, Function and Events			-		-
Donations, Grant & Other Income			70,876		34,105
Hall Hire & Sponsorship Income			1,600		-
Membership Fees			3,398		4,066
Grants			7,034		2,370
Gift Aid			5,977		9,977
Deposit Account Interest			243		32
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			89,129		50,550
Expenditure					
Donation	5,350		-		-
Festival, Function and Events	9,718		5,948		5,948
Groceries, Provision and Catering Costs	5,760		5,697		5,697
Wages and NI	14,317		7,839		7,839
Pension	(20)		50		50
Temple Expenses	2,371		1,242		1,242
Rates and Water	2,974		2,564		2,564
Repairs and Renewals	12,933		1,334		1,334
Light and Heat	10,833		12,420		12,420
Travel and subsistence	870		382		382
Alarm & Security	901		-		-
Insurance	1,330		1,260		1,260
Telephone	567		248		248
Printings, Postage and Stationery	679		100		100
Website Expenses	1,234		600		600
Accountancy, Independent Examination & Legal Professional Fees	1,418		3,803		3,803
Cleaning and Refuse Collection	1,402		1,456		1,456
Bank Charges and Interest	371		249		249
Depreciation	9,330		9,953		9,953
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			82,338		55,145
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Net Surplus / (Deficit) For the Year			6,791		(4,595)
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Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at 31 December 2023

	Notes	2023 £	2022 £
Fixed assets			
Tangibles assets	2	524,816	534,146
Investments		64,762	4,762
Current assets			
Debtors	3	3,109	9,400
Cash at Bank and in hand		51,954	90,242
		<u>55,063</u>	<u>99,642</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	4	(4,045)	(4,745)
Net Current Assets		<u>51,018</u>	<u>94,897</u>
Total assets less Current liabilities		<u>640,596</u>	<u>633,805</u>
Net Assets		<u>640,596</u>	<u>633,805</u>
Funds:			
Balance brought forward		633,805	638,400
Surplus /(Deficit) over expenditure		6,791	(4,595)
Total Funds		<u>640,596</u>	<u>633,805</u>

Trustees' Declaration

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in notes to the accounts and comply with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011, and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland published on 16 July 2014 and notes form part of these financial statements

We approved these accounts and confirm that we made available all relevant records and information for their preparation

No members have required the charity to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question

The Management acknowledges their responsibility for complying with the requirements of the act with respect to accounting records and for the preparation of accounts.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime

N. Kumar
Mrs Niru Kumar
(Chairperson)

Date: 10/10/2024

Santosh Bhat
Santosh Bhat
(Treasurer)

Date: 10/10/2024

Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2023

1) Accounting policies

(a) Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

Hindu Cultural Association (Wales) meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognized at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note(s).

(b) Incoming resources

Voluntary income including donations and gifts are recognized in full in the statement of Financial activity in the financial year in which it is receivable. No amounts are included in the accounts for services donated by volunteers.

(c) Resources expended

All expenditure is accounted for on an accrual basis, and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category.

(d) Fund accounting

Unrestricted General funds are funds which are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Unrestricted Designated Funds are funds set aside by the trustees out of unrestricted general funds for specific future purpose or projects.

Restricted Funds are funds that can only be used for particular restricted purposes with in the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor, or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes. These funds amount to £2 deposited in a separate Bank account.

(e) Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Depreciation is calculated to write off cost or valuation, less estimated residual value, of the tangible fixed assets over their estimated useful lives. The annual depreciation rates and methods are as follows

	2023	2022
Land	Nil	Nil
Building	50 years	50 years
Fixtures and equipment	15% Reducing Balance	15% Reducing Balance

(f) Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within S478 of the Taxes Act 2010 or S256 of the Taxation of chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects, No tax Charges have arisen in the charity

Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2023 (Continued)

2) Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold Land and Buildings £	Fixture and Fittings £	Total £
COST			
At 1 January 2023	573,076	149,218	722,294
Additions	-	-	-
	<u>573,076</u>	<u>149,218</u>	<u>722,294</u>
DEPRECIATION			
At 1 January 2023	46,407	141,741	188,148
Charge for Year	7,461	1,869	9,330
	<u>53,868</u>	<u>143,610</u>	<u>197,478</u>
NET BOOK VALUE			
At 31 December 2023	<u>519,208</u>	<u>5,608</u>	<u>524,816</u>
At 31 December 2022	<u>524,816</u>	<u>7,477</u>	<u>534,146</u>

3) Debtors

	2023 £	2022 £
HMRC-Gift Aid Due	3,109	9,400
	<u>3,109</u>	<u>9,400</u>

4) Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2023 £	2022 £
Creditors		
Taxation and social security		
Accruals	595	1,584
Wages	888	895
Pension	(20)	26
Other	2,582	2,240
	<u>4,045</u>	<u>4,745</u>

5) Trustees' Expenses

No disclosure to make as no payment was made to the Trustees towards any expenses or services during the year-end 31 December 2023.

6) Analysis of Funds

	As at 01 January 2023 £	Incoming Resources £	Resources Expended £	As at 31 December 2023 £
Total unrestricted funds	633,805	89,129	82,338	640,596
Total restricted funds	-	-	-	-
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Total Funds	633,805	89,129	82,338	640,596
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7) Net assets between funds

	As at 01 January 2023 £	Increase/ (Decrease) Total Assets £	(Increase)/ Decrease Net current Liabilities £	As at 31 December 2023 £
General reserve				
Total Unrestricted funds	633,805	6,091	700	640,596
Restricted funds	-	-	-	-
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Total funds	633,805	6,091	700	640,596
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8) Accountancy, Independent Examination & Legal Fee

	2023	2022
Accountancy Fees	1,418	1,584
Other Legal & Professional Service		2,219
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	1,418	3,803
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