

**GUJARATI CULTURAL SOCIETY**

**Trustees Report**

**and Financial Statements**

**for the year ended 30 November 2021**

**Registered Charity Number 1014366**

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## **CHARITY INFORMATION**

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### **Registered and Principal office**

6 Langdale Road  
Hove  
East Sussex  
BN3 4HN

### **Registered charity number**

1014366

### **Trustees**

Mrs Anita Agnihotri  
Mrs Mira Patel  
Mrs Pinal Patel  
Mrs Tejal Sangani  
Mr Mahindra Chauhan  
Mrs Varsha Patel  
Mr Dhirajlal Lamba  
Mr Pravinchandra Limbachia  
Mr Ketan Patel  
Dr. Amrut C Shah  
Mr Ramanlal Shah

### **Secretary**

Mrs Pinal Patel

### **President**

Mrs Anita Agnihotri

### **Treasurers**

Mr Ketan Patel ( Back Fill – Mrs Varsha Patel)  
Mr Pravinchandra Limbachia

### **Accountants**

Paul Darcy ACA Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditors  
T/A – Caerus Accounting Services Chartered Accountants  
32Cubitt Street  
London  
WC1X 0XR

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## **REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES**

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The organisation is run by a committee of members.

The committee members during the year were as follows:

Ms Anita Agnihotri, Mr Mahindra Chauhan, Ms Anju Chauhan, Mr Jignesh Agnihotri, Mr Dhirajal Lamba, Mr Pravinchandra Limbachia, Mr Ketan Patel, Dr. Amrut C Shah, Mr Ramanlal Shah, Mrs Pinal Patel, Mrs Mira Patel, Mrs Tejal Sangani and Mrs Varsha Patel

### **Structure Governance and Management**

The Society is governed by a committee appointed from the Ordinary Membership of the charity and is managed by a President, Secretary and Treasurer. Assistant positions are appointed to ensure continuity in unexpected situations. The appointed committee members meet on a monthly basis, however the committee operates Whatsapp group for day to day consultation. Any matters requiring joint consultation are discussed at monthly meeting to ensure fair representation of opinions. All matters discussed are noted by the secretary and minutes circulated for approval. Any decisions with mixed view of opinion are subsequently based on committee members voting. The committee is open to suggestion, feedback and encourages additional members with exceptional skills and experience.

### **Objects and Activities**

Gujarati Cultural Society ( GCS ) is a Registered Charity founded in 1992 which mainly but not limited to East Sussex area of the South East of England. With the developing Status of Brighton & Hove, GCS has extensive members covering wider area such as to name a few, Hasting, Eastbourne, Saltdean, Seaford, Lancing and Worthing. The society initially was set up to provide networking with the Gujarati community, with moving times and with increasing focus on diversity the society captures and provides services to wider Hindu community and Non Hindu married spouses. The society provides support and inclusion to family members of GCS Members who maybe living outside the area covered by GCS. With the increasing uptake of the GCS cultural and religious activities we intend to extend our membership to wider Sussex area.

### **Achievements and Performance**

The financial year started with slight ongoing impact of Covid restrictions. All government imposed restriction were followed to avoid breach of legislation. Whilst restrictions were imposed a number of activities were conducted online via Zoom sessions, focusing on well being and addressing Mental Health of members. The Society uses social media to inform its membership of forthcoming events and to connect with its membership and the community.

Online activities included Bhajans, Yoga classes and interaction with National Council of Gujarati Organization( NCGO). Sessions were held for "well being". New sessions were introduced where expert Business Enterpreneurs talked through various aspects of progression in work place, managing finances, investments and providing members with additional knowledge and provide motivation for a change in direction and gaining confidence.

The year starts with Holi ( Festival of Colours) and whilst observing Covid restrictions, it was well attended.

During the year we managed to gather donation from members to assist family of Mr Gautambhai who passed away unexpectedly. Mr Gautambhai was a prominent singer from India who supported GCS for online Navratri during 2020 the year of Covid. We supported The Brighton Homeless community in serving food and refreshments, and helped to raise donation for unfortunate situation in Ukraine. Our members have shown immense support for both these sad situation.

The covid restriction lead us to the inspiration to organise a Summer Ball. The event was organised as this period had no restrictions and provided all an opportunity to meet and greet each other after along period of lockdown. The event was well attended, an absolute success.

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A summer fun day was organised which comprised a summer get-together of members involving sports for all and a picnic.

Navratri – Festival of Dancing was organised. Although we had limitation and restriction with Venue Hire, the event was a great success.

Diwali Event – Festival of Lights- Again the event to a “sell out” event with many members taking the opportunity to get some normality back after Covid restriction.

During the year – we supported NHS Vaccine Hesitancy programme, encouraging ethnic communities to take up vaccination whilst working closely with NHS Covid vaccination Team.

### **Financial Review**

The financial position of the society looks strong with a net cash flow increase of £5,161. Available reserves to end of November 2021 stands at £17,767 which we intend to offset against increase in inflation for future events and any shortfall in short term cash flow. During the year we were successful in obtaining NHS Vaccine hesitancy grant of £4,500 in addition to corporate donation of £4,500 and Generous individual donation in excess of £2,000. The membership support for the GCS continues to be strong. In conclusion, with Covid restriction and difficult circumstances GCS has had a very successful year.

During the year the GCS committee members voted in favour to securing new accountants. We take this opportunity to formally thank Mr Ravi Jain and his firm Blue Spire Limited for their support and service to the Society over the last 30 plus years.

### **Future Plans**

GCS trustees intends to continue to strengthen the skills and expertise within the community to deliver increased/ encourage Ethnic members contribution into the Community we live in and encourage well being of community in general. We intend to work closely with other faith and community groups who have similar goals and objectives.

### **Risk Evaluation**

The trustees of the charity meet monthly to consider whether any financial and operational and strategic risks arise for the charity. In addition, there is regular consultation with the charity's professional advisers to monitor any risks that may be arising.

### **Trustees Responsibilities**

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England & Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP 2015 (FRS102);
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

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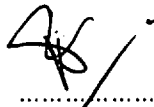
The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by

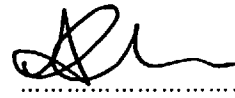


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Mrs Varsha Gandhi  
Trustee

TEJAL  
SANGANI



.....  
Mrs Pinal Patel  
Trustee



.....  
Mrs Anita Agnihotri  
Trustee

Date: 12-2-2023

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## **Independent examiner's report to the trustees of the Gujarati Cultural Society**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Gujarati Cultural Society for the year ended 30 November 2021.

### **Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act'). I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

### **Independent examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do accord with those records.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed: *Paul Darcy*

Name: Paul Darcy ACA  
Address: Caerus Accounting Services Chartered Accountants  
32 Cubitt Street  
London  
WC1X 0LR

Date: 21<sup>st</sup> November 2022



CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

GUJARATI CULTURAL SOCIETY

1014366

**Receipts and payments accounts**

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For the period from	01/12/2020	To	30/11/2021
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	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Membership subscriptions	8,808	-	-	8,808	60
Events and shows ticketing	19,317	-	-	19,317	147
Individual donations	8,927	-	-	8,927	3,758
Corporate donations	1,500	-	-	1,500	1,432
Raffle tickets and sale of donated goods	-	-	-	-	-
Bank interest received	-	-	-	-	1
NHS Grant	4,500	-	-	4,500	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>41,153</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>41,153</b>	<b>5,398</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>41,153</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>41,153</b>	<b>5,398</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Hall and event venue hire	10,118	-	-	10,118	2,045
Food and refreshments	12,881	-	-	12,881	360
Musicians and performers	7,940	-	-	7,940	3,545
Gifts, donations and raffle prizes	4,410	-	-	4,410	250
Establishment costs	-	-	-	-	-
Costs of visiting attractions	-	-	-	-	-
General administrative costs	829	-	-	829	693
Bank charges	49	-	-	49	-
Depreciation of fixtures and fittings	587	-	-	587	272
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>35,992</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>35,992</b>	<b>7,085</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>35,992</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>35,992</b>	<b>7,085</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>5,161</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>5,161</b>	<b>1,889</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>17,767</b>	<b>52,810</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>70,577</b>	<b>72,268</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>22,928</b>	<b>52,810</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>75,738</b>	<b>70,577</b>
	<b>5,161</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>5,161</b>	<b>1,889</b>

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	Metro Bank account	308	308	-
	Lloyds Bank account	18,742	52,504	-
	Cash in hand	124	-	-
	Paypal Account	1,055	-	-
	Adjustment for non cash items below	4,701	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>22,928</b>	<b>52,810</b>	<b>-</b>
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK

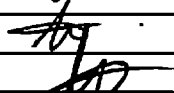

		Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds
	Details	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Accrued income	4,600	-	4,600
			-	-
		-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Fixtures and Fittings	Unrestricted	3,871	201
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities		Unrestricted	-	
	Trade creditors		-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	TEJA SANGANI	12-2-23
	MR MAHINDRA CHAUHAN	12-2-23