

GUJARATI CULTURAL SOCIETY

Trustees Report

and Financial Statements

for the year ended 30 November 2023

Registered Charity Number 1014366

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CHARITY INFORMATION

Registered and Principal office

19 Fitzjohns Road
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East Sussex
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Registered charity number

1014366

Trustees

Mrs Mira Patel
Mrs Pinal Patel
Mrs Tejal Sangani
Mr Mahindra Chauhan
Mr Dhirajlal Lamba
Mr Dhanshuk Patel

Secretary

Mrs Pinal Patel

President

Mrs Mira Patel

Treasurer

Mr Mahindra Chauhan

Independent Examiner

Arvind Joshi FCA, CTA, DChA
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REPORTS OF THE TRUSTEES

The organisation is run by a committee of members.

The committee members during the year were as follows:

Mr Mahindra Chauhan, Mr Dhirajlal Lamba, Dr. Amrut C Shah (Chairman), Mrs Pinal Patel, Mrs Mira Patel, Mrs Tejal Sangani, and Mr Dhanshuk 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, in addition, the committee operates WhatsApp group for day-to-day consultation. Any matters requiring joint consultation are discussed at monthly meetings to ensure fair representation of opinions. All matters discussed are noted by the secretary and minutes circulated for approval. Any decisions with mixed views of opinion are subsequently based on committee members voting. The committee is open to suggestions, 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 areas such as to name a few, Hasting, Eastbourne, Saldean, 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 a wider Sussex area.

Achievements and Performance for the year

To open the year a Mehfil Night, was organized in February 2023. This event was free for GCS members, with a fee for non-members. This was followed March with the annual religious event of Holi celebrated at Braypool.

GCS initiated a weekly get-together from April 2023 onwards under the name of GCS Wednesday Club for its senior members to meet, greet, learn and share. It has been a real success and enjoyed by those that attend weekly. The organizers liaise with Brighton Council and arrange for various speakers to attend to talk and Health and well-being. The numbers attending average over 30 people per week. Special thanks go to Dr A Shah and Kokilaben Metha who organise and run the weekly group

GCS participated in the Annual Chattri Memorial Service, which took place on 11th June 2023.

A various Religious Day & Bhajan were organised with thanks to Dhirubhai Lamba and Various organizations – Swaminarayan Temple, NCGO and Gujarat Samachar for the community either at Temple or via zoom.

A Coach Trip was arranged to celebrate the 77th Independence Day of India, including a visit to Sanatan Hindu Mandir. GCS provided subsidized tickets for members.

GCS celebrated Navratri from 15th October to 24th October 2023. The event was free for paid members and students, with a nominal entry fee for non-members

The year concluded with a celebration of Diwali at the Grand Hotel in November.

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Financial Review

The financial position of the society looks strong with a net cash flow increase of £946. Available cash reserves to end of November 2023 stands at £25,558 which we intend to use for organising events for 2024 and to offset against increase in inflation for future events and any shortfall in short term cash flow. During the year we received generous Corporate and individual donation totaling some £5,355. GCS is very pleased to see an increase in membership income to £6575 from £4600 last year which has enabled it to organise more events for its members.

Future Plans

GCS trustees intend 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 additionally encourage wellbeing of community in general. We intend to work closely with other faith and community groups who have similar goals and objectives. We intend to extend our knowledge in Grants available within Sussex which can be utilised to provide better care to the community.

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 arise.

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.

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.

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEE

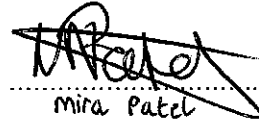
Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by



Mr Mahindra Chauhan
Trustee - Treasurer



Mrs Pinal Patel
Trustee- Secretary



Mrs Tejal Sangani
Trustee - President

Date: 26 September 2024

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Receipts and payments accounts				
For the period from	01/12/2022	To	30/11/2023	

Section A Receipts and payments

	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 £
A1 Receipts					
Membership subscriptions	6,575	-	-	6,575	4,600
Events and shows ticketing	28,024	-	-	28,024	44,937
Individual donations	3,250	-	-	3,250	701
Corporate donations	2,935	-	-	2,935	4,620
Raffle tickets and sale of donated goods	2,420	-	-	2,420	-
Bank interest received	-	38	-	38	-
NHS Grant	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total(Gross income for AR)	43,204	38	-	43,242	54,858
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	43,204	38	-	43,242	54,858
A3 Payments					
Hall and event venue hire	10,679	-	-	10,679	12,392
Food and refreshments	20,713	-	-	20,713	25,342
Musicians and performers	7,790	-	-	7,790	7,850
Gifts, donations and raffle prizes	709	-	-	709	5,456
Establishment costs	667	-	-	667	-
Costs of visiting attractions	1,244	-	-	1,244	-
General administrative costs	758	-	-	758	1,320
Bank charges	311	-	-	311	-
Depreciation of fixtures and fittings	-	-	-	-	201
Sub total	42,870	-	-	42,870	52,561
A4 Asset and investment purchases,					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	42,870	-	-	42,870	52,561
Net of receipts/(payments)	334	38	-	371	2,297
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	25,224	52,810	-	78,034	75,738
Cash funds this year end	25,558	52,849	-	78,405	78,035
	334	39	-	371	2,297

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted to nearest £	Restricted to nearest £	Endowment to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Metro Bank account		345	-
	Lloyds Bank account	24,503	52,504	-
	Cash in hand	-	-	-
	Paypal Account	1,055		
	Adjustment for non cash items below	-		
	Total cash funds	25,558	52,849	
(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))		OK	OK	OK



Categories	Details	Unrestricted to nearest £	Restricted to nearest £	Endowment to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Accrued income	3,050	-	-
			-	-
			-	-

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

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

Categories	Details	Fund to which	Amount due	When due
B5 Liabilities		Unrestricted		
	Trade creditors	200	-	01/04/2024
		575	-	30/09/2024
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	MS TEJAL SHANGANI	26/09/2024
	MR MAHINDRA CHAUHAN	26/09/2024

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT ON THE ACCOUNTS

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 30 November 2023 which are set out on page 6 and 7.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. 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.
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. 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 seeking 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:

1 which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act

have not been met; or

2 to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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Date: 26 September 2024