

GUJARATI CULTURAL SOCIETY

Trustees Report

and Financial Statements

for the year ended 30 November 2024

Registered Charity Number 1014366

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 NOVEMBER 2024

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CHARITY INFORMATION

Registered and Principal office

19 Fitzjohns Road
LEWES
East Sussex
BN7 1PP

Registered charity number

1014366

Trustees

Mrs Mira Patel
Mrs Pinal Patel
Mrs Tejal Sangani
Mr Mahindra Chauhan
Mr Dhirajlal Lamba
Mr Dhanshuk Patel
Mrs Hina Patel
Mrs Beejal Shah
Mrs Swetha Patel

Secretary

Mrs Pinal Patel

President

Mrs Mira Patel

Treasurer

Mr Mahindra Chauhan

Independent Examiner

LEVY + PARTNERS LIMITED
Chartered Accountants, Chartered Tax Advisors, Registered Auditors
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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, Mr Dhansukh Patel, Mrs Hina Patel, Mrs Beejal Shah, and Sweta 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, 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 a wider Sussex area.

Achievements and Performance for the year

To open the year, GCS celebrated Holi on March 25, 2024, at Braypool. GCS participated in the Annual Chatri Memorial Service, held on June 9, 2024. A Mehfil night was organised for members of the Society on 22nd June 2024 and 28th July 2024, featuring a Meet & Greet summer Picnic at Beechwood Hall & Rural Park.

GCS celebrated Navratri from October 5th to October 12th, 2024. 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.

GCS continues to support its members, providing an opportunity for members to meet, greet and learn over the Autumn, Winter, and Spring months. These meetings are well-attended by participants, and various activities, ranging from prayers and bhajans to yoga sessions and talks on health and well-being, are organised by the group's Leaders

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

Financial Review

The society broke even in 2024, with income broadly matching costs, resulting in a slight net cash flow increase of £167. Available cash reserves as of the end of November 2024 stand at £25,725, which we intend to use for organising events in 2025 and to offset the increase in inflation for future events, as well as any shortfall in short-term cash flow. During the year, we received generous corporate and individual donations totalling some £5,240. GCS is very pleased to see an increase in membership income to £8,635 from £6,575 last year, which has enabled it to organise more events for its members.

Future Plans

GCS trustees intend to continue strengthening the skills and expertise within the community to deliver increased support and encourage Ethnic members' contributions to the Community we live in, and additionally promote the well-being of the community in general. We intend to work closely with other faith and community groups who have similar goals and objectives. We aim to expand our knowledge of Grants available in 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, operational, or strategic risks have arisen for the charity. Additionally, there is regular consultation with the charity's professional advisers to monitor any potential risks that may occur.

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

Mahindra chauhan
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Mr Mahindra Chauhan
Trustee - Treasurer

P. Patel
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Mrs Pinal Patel
Trustee- Secretary

Mira Patel
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Mrs Mira Patel
Trustee - President

Date: 28 October 2025



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Receipts and payments accounts			
For the period from	01/12/2023	To	30/11/2024

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	8,635	-	-	8,635	6,575
Events and shows ticketing	29,301	-	-	29,301	28,024
Individual donations	1,547	-	-	1,547	3,250
Corporate donations	3,693	-	-	3,693	2,935
Raffle tickets and sale of donated goods	1,415	-	-	1,414	2,420
Bank interest received	93	192	-	285	38
NHS Grant	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total(Gross income for AR)	44,684	192	-	44,876	43,242
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	44,684	192	-	44,876	43,242
A3 Payments					
Hall and event venue hire	12,022	-	-	12,022	10,679
Food and refreshments	20,083	-	-	20,083	20,713
Musicians and performers	8,385	-	-	8,385	7,790
Gifts, donations and raffle prizes	-	-	-	-	709
Establishment costs	360	-	-	360	667
Other event related costs	2,434	-	-	2,434	1,244
General administrative costs	957	-	-	957	758
Bank charges	276	-	-	276	311
Depreciation of fixtures and fittings	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	44,517	-	-	44,517	42,870
A4 Asset and investment purchases,					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	44,517	-	-	44,517	42,870
	-	-	-	-	-
Net of receipts/(payments)	167	192	-	359	371
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	25,558	52,849	-	78,407	78,034
Cash funds this year end	25,725	53,040	-	78,766	78,405
	167	192	-	359	371

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	-	348	-
	Lloyds Bank account	24,713	52,692	-
	Cash in hand	126	-	-
	Paypal Account	887		
	Adjustment for non cash items below	-		
	Total cash funds		25,725	53,040
	(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	-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

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		-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
			
		MR MAHINDRA CHAUHAN	

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT ON THE ACCOUNTS

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 30 November 2024 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: 28 October 2025