

Shree Girnara Soni Samaj (U.K.)

Charity No. 1026609

Trustees' Report and Unaudited Accounts

30 April 2025

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The trustees present their report with the unaudited financial statements of the charity for the year ended 30 April 2025.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Charity No. 1026609

Principal Office

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Trustees

The following trustees served during the year:

S.R. Jogia

D.M. Kachhala

R.P. Lodhia

B.K. Pala

P. Shantilal

Accountants

Hariti Accountancy

90 Surrey Street,

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OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The purpose of the charity as set out in its governing document is to promote the cultural development of the Hindu community, which includes Shree Girnara Soni Samaj and to maintain and manage such a centre of educational, social welfare, recreational and leisure purposes.

The main activities undertaken in relation to those purposes during the year were to organise Navaratri, Diwali gatherings, day trips for members, summer picnics and sports activities for all members including youngsters and kids.

The main activities undertaken during the year to further the charity's purpose for the public benefit:

* Organise Navaratri, Diwali gatherings, day trips for members, summer picnics and sports activities for all members including youngsters and kids.

* Navaratri festival, HAVAN, Poonam festival and Diwali get-to-gather

* Dinner and Dance, Diwali gathering and During Navaratri

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Trustees Annual Report

The trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit in managing the activities of the charity.

- * Organise Navaratri, Diwali gatherings, day trips for members, summer picnics and sports activities for all members including youngsters and kids.
- * Navaratri festival, HAVAN, Poonam festival and Diwali get-to-gather

Major Events during the year:

- * Shree Girnara Soni Samaj UK (SGSS) is celebrating its 50th anniversary. Founded in the early 1970s to support the Gujarati Soni community in the UK, it now has over 500 members, mainly based in Leicester.

The organisation runs religious, cultural and community activities throughout the year, including Navratri celebrations, Bhajans and educational sessions. The centre is also used by other local communities for events and services.

SGSS promotes cultural heritage, community cohesion and networking, particularly for young families and professionals. The organisation has recently introduced a more structured governance framework to ensure effective management and continued growth.

- * The charity owns the freehold property at 5 St James Street, Leicester. The ground floor and basement were leased to a tenant for use as a banqueting suite.

In November 2024, Leicestershire Police executed a warrant at the premises and discovered a cannabis cultivation operation within the leased area. Two individuals were arrested. The named tenant was later released without charge but had sub-let the premises without the charity's written consent, in breach of the lease.

The trustees acted immediately to forfeit the lease and regain possession of the property. An insurance claim has been submitted for malicious damage and loss of rental income. This claim is on-going.

The trustees are satisfied that appropriate legal documentation was in place and that prompt action was taken to protect the charity's interests. Property management procedures have since been reviewed and strengthened where necessary.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The Charity had a challenging performance during 2024-25 (Net Expenditure £12,040.00) compared to 2023-24 (Net Income £6,256.00). However, the charity has strong reserves at the end of 2025 (£255,291.00), a Addition on 2024 (£267,331.00). Improvement are anticipated in future years.

The charity has a policy of maintaining reserves to meet ongoing obligations, which currently it is able to do.

The board of trustees is satisfied that the charity's assets in each fund are available and adequate to fulfil its obligations in respect of each fund.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

All post holders including Trustees are volunteers and they are appointed at the AGM when we also have committee elections.

Statement of trustees' responsibilities in relation to the financial statements

The charity trustees are responsible for preparing a trustees' annual report and financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that 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 the Charities Act 2011, the applicable Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations, and the provisions of the Trust deed. The Trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees



B.K. Pala
Trustee

26 February 2026

**Shree Girnara Soni Samaj (U.K.)
Independent Examiners Report**

Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of Shree Girnara Soni Samaj (U.K.)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Shree Girnara Soni Samaj (U.K.) for the year ended 30 April 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

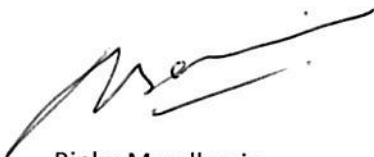
I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I can 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:

- the accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
- the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
- the financial statements do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of financial statements set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the financial statements give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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 financial statements to be reached.



Rinku Mandhania
Hariti Accountancy
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26 February 2026

Shree Girnara Soni Samaj (U.K.)
Statement of Financial Activities
for the year ended 30 April 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £	Total funds 2024 £
Income and endowments from:				
Donations and legacies	3	61,463	61,463	34,028
Grants		3,000	3,000	-
Total		64,463	64,463	34,028
Expenditure on:				
Raising funds	4	38,664	38,664	10,963
Charitable activities	5	-	-	420
Other	6	37,839	37,839	16,389
Total		76,503	76,503	27,772
Net gains on investments		-	-	-
Net income/(expenditure)	7	(12,040)	(12,040)	6,256
Transfers between funds		-	-	-
Net income/(expenditure) before other gains/(losses)		(12,040)	(12,040)	6,256
Other gains and losses				
Net movement in funds		(12,040)	(12,040)	6,256
Reconciliation of funds:				
Total funds brought forward		267,331	267,331	261,075
Total funds carried forward		255,291	255,291	267,331

Shree Girnara Soni Samaj (U.K.)

Balance Sheet

at 30 April 2025

Charity No. 1026609

		2025	2024
		£	£
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	9	243,903	246,490
		<u>243,903</u>	<u>246,490</u>
Current assets			
Debtors	10	5,246	7,762
Cash at bank and in hand		32,667	30,159
		<u>37,913</u>	<u>37,921</u>
Creditors: Amount falling due within one year	11	(5,093)	(3,080)
Net current assets		32,820	34,841
Total assets less current liabilities		276,723	281,331
Creditors: Amounts falling due after more than one year	12	(21,432)	(14,000)
Net assets excluding pension asset or liability		255,291	267,331
Total net assets		<u>255,291</u>	<u>267,331</u>
The funds of the charity			
Restricted funds	13		
Unrestricted funds	13		
General funds		255,291	267,331
		<u>255,291</u>	<u>267,331</u>
Reserves	13		
Total funds		<u>255,291</u>	<u>267,331</u>

Approved by the trustees on 26 February 2026

And signed on their behalf by:



B.K. Pala
Trustee

26 February 2026

Notes to the Accounts

for the year ended 30 April 2025

1 Accounting policies

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with 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) 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.

Change in basis of accounting or to previous accounts

There has been no change to the accounting policies (valuation rules and method of accounting) since last year and no changes have been made to accounts for previous years.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds	These are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objects of the charity.
Designated funds	These are unrestricted funds earmarked by the trustees for particular purposes.
Revaluation funds	These are unrestricted funds which include a revaluation reserve representing the restatement of investment assets at their market values.
Restricted funds	These are available for use subject to restrictions imposed by the donor or through terms of an appeal.

Income

Recognition of income	Income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when the charity becomes entitled to, and virtually certain to receive, the income and the amount of the income can be measured with sufficient reliability.
Income with related expenditure	Where income has related expenditure the income and related expenditure is reported gross in the SoFA.
Donations and legacies	Voluntary income received by way of grants, donations and gifts is included in the the SoFA when receivable and only when the Charity has unconditional entitlement to the income.
Tax reclaims on donations and gifts	Income from tax reclaims is included in the SoFA at the same time as the gift/donation to which it relates.
Donated services and facilities	These are only included in income (with an equivalent amount in expenditure) where the benefit to the Charity is reasonably quantifiable, measurable and material.
Volunteer help	The value of any volunteer help received is not included in the accounts.
Investment income	This is included in the accounts when receivable.
Gains/(losses) on revaluation of fixed assets	This includes any gain or loss resulting from revaluing investments to market value at the end of the year.
Gains/(losses) on investment assets	This includes any gain or loss on the sale of investments.

Expenditure

Recognition of expenditure	Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered, and is reported as part of the expenditure to which it relates.
Expenditure on raising funds	These comprise the costs associated with attracting voluntary income, fundraising trading costs and investment management costs.
Expenditure on charitable activities	These comprise the costs incurred by the Charity in the delivery of its activities and services in the furtherance of its objects, including the making of grants and governance costs.
Grants payable	All grant expenditure is accounted for on an actual paid basis plus an accrual for grants that have been approved by the trustees at the end of the year but not yet paid.
Governance costs	These include those costs associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory requirements of the Charity, including any audit/independent examination fees, costs linked to the strategic management of the Charity, together with a share of other administration costs.
Other expenditure	These are support costs not allocated to a particular activity.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life:

Freehold property	1.6% straight line
Lift equipment	6.66% straight line
Furniture and fixtures	10% reducing balance

Trade and other debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

Trade and other creditors

Short term creditors are measured at the transaction price. Other creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

2 Statement of Financial Activities - prior year

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £
Income and endowments from:		
Donations and legacies	61,463	61,463
Grants	3,000	3,000
Total	<u>64,463</u>	<u>64,463</u>
Expenditure on:		
Raising funds	38,664	38,664
Charitable activities	-	-
Other	37,839	37,839
Total	<u>76,503</u>	<u>76,503</u>
Net income	<u>(12,040)</u>	<u>(12,040)</u>
Net income before other gains/(losses)	<u>(12,040)</u>	<u>(12,040)</u>
Other gains and losses:		
Net movement in funds	<u>(12,040)</u>	<u>(12,040)</u>
Reconciliation of funds:		
Total funds brought forward	267,331	267,331
Total funds carried forward	<u>255,291</u>	<u>255,291</u>

3 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Event Funds	60,281	60,281	32,794
General donations	1,182	1,182	1,234
	<u>61,463</u>	<u>61,463</u>	<u>34,028</u>

4 Expenditure on raising funds

	Unrestricted £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Fundraising trading costs	38,664	38,664	10,963
Fundraising events	-	-	-
	<u>38,664</u>	<u>38,664</u>	<u>10,963</u>

5 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Unrestricted	Total	Total
	£	2025	2024
	£	£	£
<i>Governance costs</i>			
Independent Examiner's fees	850	850	420
	<u>850</u>	<u>850</u>	<u>420</u>

6 Other expenditure

	Unrestricted	Total	Total
	£	2025	2024
	£	£	£
Premises costs	29,130	29,130	8,859
Amortisation, depreciation, impairment, profit/loss on disposal of fixed assets	7,786	7,786	7,416
General administrative costs	73	73	64
Legal and professional costs	850	850	50
	<u>37,839</u>	<u>37,839</u>	<u>16,389</u>

7 Net income/(expenditure) before transfers

	2025	2024
	£	£
This is stated after charging:		
Depreciation of owned fixed assets	7,786	7,416

8 Staff costs

No employee received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

9 Tangible fixed assets

	Land and buildings	Lift equipment	Furniture and fixtures	Total
	£	£	£	£
Cost or revaluation				
At 1 May 2024	367,851	18,857	10,541	397,249
Additions During the Year			5,199	5,199
At 30 April 2025	<u>367,851</u>	<u>18,857</u>	<u>15,740</u>	<u>402,448</u>
Depreciation and impairment				
At 1 May 2024	135,889	10,057	4,813	150,759
Depreciation charge for the year	5,523	1,257	1,006	7,786
At 30 April 2025	<u>141,412</u>	<u>11,314</u>	<u>5,819</u>	<u>158,545</u>
Net book values				
At 30 April 2025	<u>226,439</u>	<u>7,543</u>	<u>9,921</u>	<u>243,903</u>
At 30 April 2024	<u>231,962</u>	<u>8,800</u>	<u>5,728</u>	<u>246,490</u>

10 Debtors

	2025	2024
	£	£
Other debtors		2,600
Prepayments and accrued income	5,246	5,162
	<u>5,246</u>	<u>7,762</u>

11 Creditors:

amounts falling due within one year

	2025	2024
	£	£
Trade creditors	3583	1,890
Accruals	850	420
Deferred income	660	770
	<u>5,093</u>	<u>3,080</u>

12 Creditors:

amounts falling due after more than one year

	2025	2024
	£	£
Other Loans	21,432	14,000
	<u>21,432</u>	<u>14,000</u>

13 Movement in funds

	At 1 May 2024	Incoming resources (including other gains/losses) £	Resources expended £	At 30 April 2025 £
Restricted funds:				
Unrestricted funds:				
General funds	267,331	64,463	(76,503)	255,291
Total funds	<u>267,331</u>	<u>64,463</u>	<u>(76,503)</u>	<u>255,291</u>

14 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds £	Total £
Fixed assets	243,903	243,903
Net current assets	32,820	32,820
Creditors due in more than one year and provisions	(21,432)	(21,432)
	<u>255,291</u>	<u>255,291</u>

15 Reconciliation of net debt

	At 1 May 2024 £	Cash flows £	At 30 April 2025 £
Cash and cash equivalents	30,159	2,508	32,667
	<u>30,159</u>	<u>2,508</u>	<u>32,667</u>
Bank loans	(14,000)	(7,432)	(21,432)
	<u>(14,000)</u>	<u>(7,432)</u>	<u>(21,432)</u>
Net debt	<u>16,159</u>	<u>(4,924)</u>	<u>11,235</u>

Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
for the year ended 30 April 2025

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £	Total funds 2024 £
Income and endowments from:			
Donations and legacies			
Event Funds	60,281	60,281	32,794
General donations	1,182	4,182	1,234
Grant Local Council	3,000	3,000	-
	<u>64,463</u>	<u>64,463</u>	<u>34,028</u>
Total income and endowments	64,463	64,463	34,028
Expenditure on:			
Costs of other trading activities			
Income from fundraising events	38,664	38,664	10,963
	<u>38,664</u>	<u>38,664</u>	<u>10,963</u>
Total of expenditure on raising funds	38,664	38,664	10,963
Governance costs			
Independent Examiner's fees	850	850	420
	<u>850</u>	<u>850</u>	<u>420</u>
Total of expenditure on charitable activities	-	-	-
Premises costs			
Rates & Water	2,683	2,683	2,092
Light, heat and power	870	870	-
Premises insurances	5,695	5,695	4,832
Premises repairs and maintenance	19,882	19,882	1,935
	<u>29,130</u>	<u>29,130</u>	<u>8,859</u>
General administrative costs, including depreciation and amortisation			
Depreciation	7,786	7,786	7,416
Bank & Card Charges	73	73	-
Stationery and printing	-	-	64
	<u>7,859</u>	<u>7,859</u>	<u>7,480</u>
Legal and professional costs			
Other legal and professional costs	-	-	50
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>50</u>
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>50</u>

Detailed Statement of Financial Activities

Total expenditure

Total of expenditure of other costs

76,503	76,503	27,772
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Net gains on investments

-	-	-
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Net income/(expenditure)

(12,040)	(12,040)	6,256
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**Net income/(expenditure) before
other gains/(losses)**

(12,040)	(12,040)	6,256
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Other Gains

-	-	-
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Net movement in funds

(12,040)	(12,040)	6,256
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Reconciliation of funds:

Total funds brought forward

267,331	267,331	261,075
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Total funds carried forward

255,291	255,291	267,331
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