CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1 February 2025 **to** 31 January 2026

Charity name: Guru Nanak Sikh Temple (Scunthorpe)

Charity registration number: 1155573

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	The Guru Nanak Sikh Temple (Scunthorpe) "**GNST**" objectives are to advance the Sikh religion for the benefit of the public in accordance with the religious tenets and doctrines attached thereto and the **GNST** shall have the following powers exercisable in the furtherance of its said objectives but not otherwise, namely: 1) To work for the spiritual uplift and mental purity of those who have faith in the Sri Guru Granth Sahib Ji and the Ten Gurus. 2) To hold congregations for the worship and teachings of religious tenets and doctrines. 3) To arrange marriage ceremonies according to the rites and rituals of the Sikh religion and the prevailing law of England and Wales. 4) To arrange ceremonial baptism (Amrit/Khande di Pahul) 5) To organise special religious functions on important occasions like Birthdays and Martyrdom days (Shahidi Gurpurbs) of the Sikh Gurus. 6) To the preach the message to the non-Sikh community on the Sikh way of worship and life by distributing literature in English and other languages on the lives and teachings of the Sikh Gurus. 7) To arrange and provide facilities for the education of the community interested in Punjabi and English. 8) To encourage and provide financial support for the community to participate in religious sports and social activities organised by the committee.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	During the period under review the temple operated effectively to deliver and meet all of its stated objectives including: • Weekly worship services, Kirtan and Langar seva. • Celebrated key birthdays, Sahidi Gurpurbs, events etc. • Performed Wedding Ceremonies.

		• Performed Baptisms. • Performed Funeral Services and supported bereaved families. • Provided pastoral care. • Provided religious educational entertainment e.g. Jatha's, visits etc. • Provided Panjabi classes for children. • Provided sports and other activities. • Celebrated the New Year. • Engaged with the local community including hosting school visits, community leaders, the local Dignitaries, senior Police Officers, other faiths etc.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The Trustees have regard to guidance and are satisfied that the Charity is fully compliant with the spirit of the Public Benefit Guidance, but work continues to further improve understanding.

Additional information (optional)
You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	No applicable
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	No applicable
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	All contributions are voluntary
Other		

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	The main achievements and the difference the work of the **GNST** made are: • A congregation point for the Sikh Community in the local area. It was encouraging to see the attendance grow including many Sikh's who are new to the Town. • The wellbeing, pastoral care and support to the Sikh Community in the local area. • The spiritual education of children. • Provision of activities for children. • Reaching out to the local non-Sikh community including participation in local areas community organisation activities, provision of meals to the homeless and poor. • Supporting the aged and needy. • Health and wellbeing awareness activities. • Community engagement to raise awareness of the Sikh faith and the **GNST** including hosting school visits, community leaders, senior police officer, other faiths etc.

Additional information (optional)
You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	The Trustees are satisfied the **GNST** met all of its stated objectives during the year. Furthermore, a full property refurbishment and improvement plan is being implemented with the purpose of improving the facilities for the Sangat and making the property sustainable for the long term.
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	The Trustees are pleased to report that the underlying fund raising continued to increase year on year. The Singh Sabha Gurdwara Management Committee and Trustees decided to merge with the GNST, close its charity and transfer its assets and bank balance to GNST. This is a welcomed development and the GNST Trustees are delighted with the outcome which will make the GNST even more sustainable in the long term.
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	The three rental properties generated **£9,298 (+£9,275)** higher net rental income compared with 2024-25 (**-£23**) due to lower rental arrears and lower maintenance costs. The Management Committee and Trustees will be reviewing the management of the properties.
Other		The Trustees would like to record their grateful appreciation and thank the Sevadars, Kitchen Team and other volunteers for their seva, which keeps the Temple functioning and enables it to serve, engage and support the Sangat and local community during challenging and changing times. **THANK YOU.**

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	During the period under review the Charity income was **£182,548** *(Donations £130,634, Property Rent £17,500, Giftaid £21,627, Interest £29 and £12,758 NLC Grant towards cost of installing a disabled persons lift)* and expenditure **£132,943** resulting in a net surplus of **£49,605**. In addition to donation income the Charity received property rental income of £17,500 and incurred costs of £8,225, producing in net rental property surplus of **£9,275.** The Trustees are satisfied the expenditure was necessary to improve the properties for the Tenant's. Giftaid claims for 2 years were submitted and paid respect of 2023-24 **(£8,837)** and 2024-25 **(£12,580)** totalling **£21,627.** The Trustees are pleased to report that the underlying financial strength and position of the Charity continued to improve in the year under review.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	The Charity does not hold reserves other than any cash in hand, a current account and a small balance in a deposit account. Expenditure is covered by regular income and any deficit covered from the operating reserves held in cash.

		If funds are required for any special purpose, these are raised from the members through a special appeal or loans.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	**£105,609** in Cash and Current/Deposit Accounts and **£5,216** outstanding loan from the Gianj Bakshish Singh. Total **£110,625**
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	Some reserves held in cash to support ongoing operations and provision of services. The Trustees are content that sufficient reserves are held to cover any foreseeable operating expenses.
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	No funds in deficit or variable investments. The Charity is debt free and will be selling the Singh Sabha Gurdwara property at 39A/41 Normanby Road, Scunthorpe, DN15 6AS and investing the proceeds for the benefit of the **GNST.**
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	The legal case relating to a property ownership dispute with the previous Trustees was decided by the Leeds High Court in favour of the **GNST** and costs awarded in September/ October 2019. The only uncertainty is the recovery of these costs from the Trustee in Bankruptcy (**"TIB"**) for:: • Surjit Singh, **£132k+** (£95k + £37k + rental income), has been declared bankrupt. *Sadly, Surjit Singh has passed away and it is unlikely any of monies due will be recovered. The Trustees and Management Committee continue to remain in contact and liaise with the **TIB.*** All legal fees and costs have been written off based on the information provided by the **TIB**. The **TIB** has advised that after his fees and legal costs there will be **NO** funds available to pay any distribution to the creditors

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	Funds are generated from donations and the provision of pastoral services to the local Sikh Community. Property rental income from the letting of three domestic properties on 22 Dale Street and 209a & 209b Frodingham Road, Scunthorpe. Giftaid income. Deposit account interest.
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	The **GNST** continues to let the rental properties with the objective of achieving a market rental returns.
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	The only risk that remains is the recovery of legal costs awarded by the Leeds High Court from the deceased defendant, Surjit Singh's Trustee in Bankruptcy.. The Management Committee and Trustees are confident, given the **GNST's** financial resources, this risk is manageable..
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Trust Deed and Written Constitution. The key objectives and purpose of the Charity remains unchanged.
How is the charity constituted? (e.g. unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	Unincorporated religious organisation.
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	New Property Trustees were appointed through an election process by the Sangat (members). Kulwinder Kaur Athwal Sukhjinder Kaur Chatha Taranpreet Singh Nijjar

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	Induction by the Management Committee with reference to the written Constitution, guidance from legal advisors and Charity Commission information. *Work continues to improve policies, processes and understanding.*
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	Other Sikh Temples in the UK and India
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	No formal relationship with any other parties.
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Guru Nanak Sikh Temple (Scunthorpe)
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1155573
Charity's principal address	207 Frodingham Road, Scunthorpe, North Lincolnshire DN15 7NS

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Sukhdev Singh	Trustee	3 January 2020	GNST Sangat/Members
2	Kulwinder K Athwal	Trustee	19 October 2023	GNST Sangat/Members
3	Sukhjinder K Chatha	Trustee	19 October 2023	GNST Sangat/Members
4	Taranpreet S Nijjar	Trustee	19 October 2023	GNST Sangat/Members

Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		
Not applicable		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	
Sukhdev Singh		Confirmed by Leeds HC
Kulwinder Kaur Athwal		Elected by Sangat
Sukhjinder Kaur Chatha		Elected by Sangat
Taranpreet Singh Nijjar		Elected by Sangat

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	Nil Property held on behalf the **GNST** only: 207 Frodingham Road, Scunthorpe. 209A & 209B Frodingham Road, Scunthorpe. 22 Dale Street, Scunthorpe. 39A/41 Normanby Road, Scunthorpe.
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	Nil
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	Nil

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

Not applicable.

Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

Other optional information

The Leeds High Court awarded costs to the **GNST** and ordered the defendants, the previous Trustees, Surjit Singh and Balbir Singh, to contribute £95k each towards the legal costs incurred by the **GNST.** In addition, Surjit Singh was ordered to repay the £36,611 paid by the **GNST** to the LPA acting for the Lancashire Mortgage Corporation to redeem the fraudulent mortgage taken out by him secured against 209 Frodingham Road and property rent collected by him.

Surjit Singh, who sadly has passed away, was declared bankrupt and the latest statement of affairs received from his Trustee in Bankruptcy ("**TIB**") shows there will be insufficient funds to pay anything towards the costs awarded and owed to the **GNST**. The bankruptcy process is ongoing and the **TIB** continues with his enquiries and **GNST** continue to liaise with **TIB**.

Furthermore, with the financial position continuing to improve, attendances increasing and with the support of the Sangat, the Management Committee and Trustees have decided to develop and implement

a more comprehensive refurbishment programme to improve facilities and make the property sustainable for the long term.

The Management Committee and Trustees continue to work on and ensure compliance with Health, Safety, Environmental and Legal obligations.

In January 2025, the **GNST** was approached by the Trustees and Management Committee of the Singh Sabha Gurdwara ("**SSG**"), charity number 1185927 on 39a/41 Normanby Road, Scunthorpe, DN15 7AS, to discuss the closure of the **SSG** and transfer of its assets, the main asset being the property, to **GNST**. Following detailed discussions between the Trustees and Management Committees of both Charities, it was agreed and approved that a single Sikh Gurdwara/Temple was the best long term option for the local Sangat and Sikh Community. An integration subcommittee was formed to deal with the merger and integration issues. The process was concluded during April 2025 including the removal of the **SSG** Charity from the Charity's Commission register and transfer of the title of property to the **GNST** Trustees.

Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Sukhdev Singh	KULWINDER ATHWAL
Position (e.g. Secretary, Chair, etc)	Trustee	Trustee
Date	27/10/2026	

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Guru Nanak Sikh Temple (Scunthorpe)	1155573

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	01/02/2025	To	31/01/2026

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					
Congregation Donations	130,634	-	-	130,634	90,712
Includes Insurance claim & scrap sales	-	-	-	-	-
Rent	17,500	-	-	17,500	14,850
Giftaid	21,627	-	-	21,627	10,010
Deposit Account Interest	29	-	-	29	44
N Lincs Council Grant - Disabled Lift	12,758	-	-	12,758	
	-	-	-	-	-
***Sub total** (Gross income for AR)*	182,548	-	-	182,548	115,616
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
Other - Balbir Singh Legal Fees / WC		-	-	-	80,083
Sangat Repayment - Legal Case		-	-	-	- 87,500
		-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	- 7,417
Total receipts	182,548	-	-	182,548	108,199
A3 Payments					
Total Utilities	15,327	-	-	15,327	6,244
Total Other Propery Occupancy Costs	67,797	-	-	67,797	92,127
Total employment & Travel costs	32,206	-	-	32,206	19,719
Total Food and Beverages	6,087	-	-	6,087	3,464
Total Legal Fees & Dispute Costs	-	-	-	-	1,728
Total Postage and Stationery	-	-	-	-	-
Total Bank Charges	1,291	-	-	1,291	602
Total Rental Property Costs	8,225	-	-	8,225	14,873
Total Other/Misc Costs	2,010	-	-	2,010	706
Sub total	132,943	-	-	132,943	139,463
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
		-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	132,943	-	-	132,943	139,463
Net of receipts/(payments)	49,605	-	-	49,605	- 31,264
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	61,220	-	-	61,220	92,484
Cash funds this year end	110,825	-	-	110,825	61,220

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

B1 Cash funds

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
	Giani Bakshish Singh Loan	5,216	-	-
	Bank	101,780	-	-
	Bank	3,829	-	-
	Total cash funds	110,825	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK

B2 Other monetary assets

Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
Loan to Giani Bakshish Singh	5,216	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-

B3 Investment assets

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
No applicable		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
207 Frodingham Road, Scunthorpe		-	-
209 Frodingham Road, Scunthorpe		-	-
22 Dale Street, Scunthorpe		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

B5 Liabilities

Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
		-	
		-	
		-	
		-	
		-	

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

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Sukhdev Singh	27/10/26
	KULWINDER ATHWAL	27/10/26

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Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of	Charity Name: Guru Nanak Sikh Temple (Scunthorpe)		
On accounts for the year ended	31 January 2026	**Charity no (if any)**	1155573
Set out on pages	Charities Commission format Pages 1 and 2 (remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)		

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **31/ 01/ 2026**.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust, 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 the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

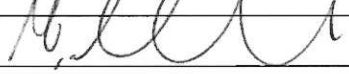
Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below *) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

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

** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed:		**Date:**	15-10-2026
Name:	Mark Jackson-Stapleton		
Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):	MAAT		
Address:	1-3 Laneham Street, Scunthorpe DN15 6LJ		

Section B	Disclosure
	Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).
Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.	