Trustees' Annual Report for the period

	Period start date				Period end date		
From	01	01	2025	**To**	31	12	2025

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name	HOLY COW COMMUNITY EVENTS
Other names charity is known by	N/A
Registered charity number (if any)	01194665
Charity's principal address	1 Rectory Mews
	Buckingham Road
	Weedon
	Postcode HP22 4DR

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	Poonam Gupta	Chair		
2	Julia Eacott			
3	Prashanthini Jeyarajan			
4	Kelvin Wong			
	Kishor Shah			
	n/a			
	Name		**Dates acted if not for whole year**	
	n/a			

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

Poonam Gupta

Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	CIO constitution – adopted from charity commission. The members of the CIO are its charity trustees.

How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	CIO
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Trustees are appointed by resolution of the trustees at a properly convened meeting, for a term of three years, having regard to the skills, knowledge and experience needed to run the charity effectively. Retiring trustees may be reappointed. The trustees meet regularly and may also take decisions. The day-to-day delivery of the annual Festival of Lights is carried out by the trustees with the support of volunteers.

Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

Objectives and Public Benefit

The objectivess of **Holy Cow Community**, as set out in its governing document, are to **promote cultural understanding, community cohesion, and wellbeing**. The charity pursues these objects by:

- Organising and supporting **cultural, educational, and artistic activities**;
- Providing opportunities for the **community to celebrate and participate in festivals, traditions, and creative projects**;
- Encouraging **volunteering, community participation, and the sharing of knowledge, skills, and experiences**;
- Advancing **public health and wellbeing** through activities such as workshops, creative projects, and mindful practices like yoga.

All activities are carried out **for the public benefit**, accessible to everyone regardless of background, faith, or ability. Through its programmes and events, Holy Cow Community **fosters inclusion, understanding, and social cohesion**, bringing light, joy, and cultural enrichment to the wider community.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

During the year, **Holy Cow Community** has delivered a range of activities and events designed to advance its charitable objects and provide clear public benefit.

Key activities in 2025 included:

- **Diwali – Festival of Lights:** Our flagship annual event brought together hundreds of community members to experience traditional and contemporary Indian culture through music, dance, food, Rangoli displays, and interactive workshops. The event was free or affordable for all, ensuring accessibility to the wider public.
- **Holi – Festival of Colours (in partnership with Aylesbury Hindu Temple Trust):** A celebration of colour, music, and community cohesion, bringing together participants from diverse backgrounds.
- **International Yoga Day (in partnership with Local community group, Aylesbury):** Delivered the first Yoga Day event, providing accessible opportunities for participants to engage in physical and mental wellbeing practices.

All of these activities are **open to the public**, with no restrictions based on faith, background, or ability, ensuring that the benefits of cultural learning, community participation, and wellbeing are widely available.

The Trustees **confirm that in planning and delivering these activities they have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit**. The charity remains committed to advancing its objects for the benefit of the wider community and continues to assess the impact of its work to ensure maximum accessibility and benefit.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

Trustees appreciate all the hard work put in, it would not be possible without them

Section D Achievements and performance

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Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

Key Activities and Achievements in 2025

In 2025, **Holy Cow Community** continued to strengthen its mission of fostering cultural understanding, creativity, and community connection through a series of inclusive and engaging events.

In partnership with the **Aylesbury Hindu Temple Trust**, we also supported the **Holi – Festival of Colours**, celebrating unity, joy, and diversity through music, colour, and dance.

Our flagship annual celebration, the **Diwali – Festival of Lights**, once again brought together the wider community for an evening of performances, food, and festivities. The event showcased both traditional and contemporary Indian culture, featuring dance, Rangoli, and a vibrant sense of togetherness.

Throughout the year, Holy Cow Community remained committed to its core values of **inclusion, creativity, and cultural harmony**, engaging hundreds of people across Buckinghamshire and beyond. These activities were made possible thanks to the dedication of our volunteers, community partners, and the generosity of supporters who continue to believe in our mission to share light, joy, and understanding.

Plans and Progress for the Year Ahead (2026)

As we moved into 2026, **Holy Cow Community** continued to grow in its mission to celebrate culture, wellbeing, and togetherness through inclusive community events.

- experiences, language exchange, and storytelling.
- **Sustainability and Growth:**
  To sustain our expanding programme, we will focus on securing long-term funding through grants, sponsorships, and community fundraising, ensuring that our events remain affordable and open to everyone.

Through these efforts, **Holy Cow Community** continues to shine as a source of **light, creativity, and connection**, strengthening community bonds and promoting wellbeing through culture and shared celebration.

We continue to build relationships with partners including Discover Bucks Museum for venue support, Anson Charitable Trust for arts and cultural facilitation. New for 2026 is the creation by the community art/legacy piece (giant willow illuminated Peacock - the national bird of India) was created at National Trust Venue Waddesdon Manor a new collaboration.

Plans for 2027

We would like to draw in more volunteers especially from the youth sector alongside their parents (across generations / family involvement) while giving them skills, experience, training, responsibility and a sense of ownership and pride in working in a community organisation such as Holy Cow Community Events.

Section E Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The charity aims to maintain **reserves at a level sufficient to cover at least a couple of years of core operating costs and annual Diwali festival**, ensuring continuity of activities in the event of unforeseen shortfalls in income or delays in funding.

Reserves are held to allow the charity to **meet its ongoing commitments, manage cash flow, and respond to opportunities or challenges** without disruption to its programmes. The Trustees regularly review the level of reserves to ensure they remain appropriate to the charity's activities and risk profile.

Details of any funds materially in deficit	n/a

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about: • the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising); • how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity; • investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.	We are grateful to our funders Rothschild Foundation and Anson Charitable Trust. The Rothschild Foundation awarded an unrestricted grant of £10,000 for strategic and core funding. Anson Charitable Trust made the cultural and arts activities possible.

Section F Other optional information

Section G Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	*P Gupta*	
Full name(s)	Poonam Gupta	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	

Date	31st October 2026

HOLY COW COMMUNITY EVENTS

Income and Expenditure account
For the year ended 31 December

	2025
	£
Income	1,346
Grants and Donations	14,104
Interest Recd	159
TOTAL INCOME	15,609
LESS EXPENSES	
Event costs	15,685
NET Defecit	£ (76)
Reserves brought forward	24,806
Reserves carried forward	24,730

HOLY COW COMMUNITY EVENTS

BALANCE SHEET
At 31 December

	2025
	£
FIXED ASSETS	
Web Development	1,390

CURRENT ASSETS		
Bank Balance	22,433	
Debtors	1,000	
	23,433	
Creditors	£ (93)	
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NET ASSETS		24,730
		========
Representing:		
CAPITAL ACCOUNT		
		========
Capital and Reserves		24,730
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