SOUTH ASIAN HERITAGE TRUST

Charity Number: 1199026

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2025

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TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2025

1. Chair's Introduction

2025 was another significant year for the South Asian Heritage Trust.

We marked the sixth South Asian Heritage Month this summer, and our theme 'Roots to Routes' struck a chord of resonance with stakeholders across the country, particularly in light of the growing rise of the extreme right and the impact on British South Asians. Being able to talk about the migration stories of British South Asians helped to ground their lived experience in the story and history of Britain as a whole.

The addition of a Business Development Lead allowed us to consolidate and increase our funding over this year, assisting us to grow in the work that we are doing.
Our social media reach was 440 million for this year's SAHM, reflecting the growth and recognition of SAHM over the past 12 months. Our thanks go to everyone who has supported SAHM and the South Asian Heritage Trust this year. Without their support and help, we simply would not be able to achieve all that we do on a relatively modest budget.

2. Our Mission

The South Asian Heritage Trust seeks to elevate the prominence of British South Asian history and heritage through education, arts, culture, celebration and commemoration.
Our mission is to deepen people's understanding of the rich and diverse contributions of South Asian communities to society, promote intercultural dialogue, and encourage greater social cohesion among communities.
The Trust aims to achieve the following objectives:

- Develop and deliver educational programmes through kits for schools.
- Organise and showcase arts and cultural events.
- Commemorate and celebrate key historical events.
- Collaborate with other organisations, institutions, and individuals to make our online presence the Hub of all things South Asian.

By pursuing these objectives, the South Asian Heritage Trust aims to grow a deeper and more inclusive understanding of history and heritage, promote social harmony and cohesion, and contribute to a more equitable and inclusive society for all.

3. Key Activities & Achievements
South Asian Heritage Month 2025 – Roots to Routes

- National campaign with over 450 events across the UK.
- Theme launch in Manchester, hosted by Manchester Museum, where 100 people joined us for an evening of music, celebration, and discussion about South Asian identity and heritage.
- Continued country focus days to spotlight the histories and cultures of each South Asian nation.
- Released two new resources: the Events Toolkit and the Schools Toolkit, enabling more communities and institutions to participate.

Listening Circles

• With funding from Awards for All, we started to organise a programme of listening circles in the Manchester area. This project will develop further into 2026.

Organ Donation Awareness

• With funding from NHS Blood and Transplant, we organised 3 webinars over the course of 2025 focusing on different aspects of organ donation, reaching thousands in the process via YouTube, newsletters and social media.

Partnerships & Collaborations

• Partnered with the British Museum for their 'Friday Night Late' as part of their 'Ancient India: Living Traditions' exhibition
• Collaborated with Coventry Cathedral and 'Together for Hope' to mark Partition Commemoration Day with poetry and spoken word readings led by poet Suman Gujral.
• Organised a running event in Docklands in London with our Sports Co-Lead, Mara Hafezi.
• Ran a podcast series in collaboration with Anand Dattani focusing on the 'roots to routes' stories of inspirational British South Asians
• Ensured that the South Asian voices from the Second World War were spotlighted as part of the VJ Day 80 commemorations, and representing SAHT at the national commemoration ceremony at the National Memorial Arboretum in Staffordshire
• Worked with Brown Sauce Comedy Club for a fundraising evening
• Joined with the Speaker of the House of Commons for his annual 'SAHM Reception' at Speaker's House in the Houses of Parliament

Media & Visibility

• Featured across BBC, Sky Sports, Disney+, Evening Standard, Virgin Media, Cosmopolitan, The Sun.

4. Achievements and Performance (2025)

Reach & Engagement
• **440 million reach**
• **250,000 website visits**
• **28,000 social media followers** across platforms.

Content & Outputs
• **150 blogs** published.
• **21 speaking engagements** delivered.
• **167 merchandise orders** (258 items shipped).

5. Public Benefit
In 2025, our work directly benefited South Asian communities by:

- Providing inclusive platforms for underrepresented voices.
- Creating safe spaces for healing and solidarity during crises.
- Raising awareness of health inequalities, including organ donation.
- Championing intersectionality by addressing LGBTQ+, disability, multi-heritage, and cross-generational experiences.
- Inspiring creativity and learning through toolkits, events, and the arts.
- Increasing visibility of South Asian contributions across the UK.

6. Financial Report
The South Asian Heritage Trust continued to operate sustainably and deliver high-impact programmes across the UK in 2025.

Total income for the year ending 31 December 2025 was £66,572, compared with £37,173 in 2024 an increase of 179%. This growth reflects the Trust's success in diversifying income streams, with a considerable increase in sponsorship and grant income.

Income included an Awards for All grant from the National Lottery Fund for £19,365 to deliver ten South Asian Listening Circle events in Manchester and NHS Blood and Transplant funding to support our organ donation awareness work. The remainder came from individual donations, sponsorships, and community contributions.

At year end, the Trust held reserves of £22,476, maintaining a stable financial position going into 2025.

Going forward, the charity aims to continue strengthening its financial position by building on the success of its programme delivery and expanding its fundraising efforts.

7. Governance and Leadership

SAHT remains proud to be a women-led and LGBTQ-led organisation, committed to inclusion, equity, and representation at every level of its work. Our diverse leadership shapes the direction of the charity ensuring that our values are reflected in the way we serve our community.

The Board of Trustees met quarterly throughout 2025, providing strategic oversight, safeguarding organisational sustainability, and ensuring that our mission remains at the heart of all decision-making. Their dedication has been instrumental in guiding SAHT through a year of growth and meaningful impact.

8. Volunteering and Community ContributionVolunteering and Community Contribution

Our work in 2025 would not have been possible without the generosity of our volunteers. Over the course of the year, 26 volunteers contributed a combined 400 hours of service. This invaluable contribution supported our programmes, strengthened our community reach, and enabled us to deliver activities and support at a scale disproportionate to our size.

Their commitment reflects the collective spirit that drives SAHT, people coming together to create a safer, more supportive, and more inclusive environment for all.

9. Thank You

Our work in 2025 would not have been possible without the generosity and support of so many. Our partners and funders; NHS Blood and Transplant, The Royal British Legion, Manchester Museum, British Museum, Queer Britain, and the many cultural institutions nationwide that played a vital role in helping us deliver our mission. We are equally grateful to our community supporters, from grassroots organisers to storytellers and creatives, who brought passion and energy to every initiative. And to everyone who donated, fundraised, delivered, or attended an event: your support powers everything we do. Together, they have strengthened our programmes, expanded our reach, and enabled us to deliver impact at a scale far beyond our size. This collective commitment reflects the spirit that drives SAHT, people coming together to create a safer, more supportive, and more inclusive environment for all.

Signed: J. Singh Date: 16.10.26

Name: Jasvir Singh CBE

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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2025

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Restricted funds 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £	Total funds 2024 £
Income				
Grants	-	26,361	26,361	12,842
Donations	18,067	-	18,067	15,753
Sponsorship	21,148	-	21,148	7,578
Other income	997	-	997	1,000
Total income	**40,211**	**26,361**	**66,572**	**37,173**
Expenditure				
Events costs inc. consultants	15,371	6,996	22,367	37,888
Admin & Office consultants	27,997	-	27,997	-
Advertising/marketing	-	-	-	961
Insurance	169	-	169	
Reimbursements	120	-	120	47
Software costs	1,158	-	1,158	-
Subscriptions	47	-	47	35
Sundry	1,984	-	1,984	-
Professional fees	275	-	275	473
Total expenditure	**47,120**	**6,996**	**54,116**	**39,404**
Net income	**(6,909)**	**19,365**	**12,456**	**(2,232)**
Transfer between funds			-	-
Total funds brought forward	10,020	-	10,020	12,252
Total funds carried forward	**3,111**	**19,365**	**22,476**	**10,020**

The notes on page 8 form an integral part of these financial statements.

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ASSETS AND LIABILITIES ACCOUNT
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2025

	2025 £	2024 £
Cash at bank and in hand	22,476	10,020
	22,476	**10,020**
Represented by funds		
Unrestricted funds	3,111	10,020
Restricted funds	19,365	-
	22,476	**10,020**
Non Monetary Assets and Liabilities		
Creditors due within one year		
Community 360	340	275
	340	**275**

These accounts were approved by the trustees:

Jasvir Singh CBE — 16.10.26

Name — Date

Dr Binita Kane — 16.10.26

Name — Date

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2025

1. Accounting Policies

Basis of the preparation of the accounts
These financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and applicable accounting standards.

Incoming resources
All material incoming resources have been included on a receivable basis i.e. they are included if the date receivable falls within the period covered by these accounts.

Resources expended
These have been analysed using a natural classification.

Going Concern
The charity is operating on a going concern basis.

2. Key Management Personnel

The charity had no employees in the financial period.