Dharma Mandir Newport

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS

As at 31st December 2025

Charity No: 1203325

Reference and Administrative Information

Charity Name:	Dharma Mandir Newport
Charity Registration Number:	1203325
Contact Address:	Unit 4 Oak House Vaughan Court Coedkernew Newport NP10 8BD

Trustees

Kessia Raghoonauth	Chair
Armand Khusul	Deputy Chair
Vyas Bikuntidat Sharma	Spiritual Leader

Bankers

The Co-operative Bank
1 Balloon Street
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Trustees' Annual Report

From 1 January 2025 to 31 December 2025

Structure, Governance and Management

Governing Document

The Dharma Mandir is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation, governed by the terms of its Constitution. The charity is registered with the Charity Commission for England and Wales, with charity no. 1203325 on 31 May 2023.

Recruitment and Appointment of Trustees

Trustees are appointed for a three-year term and reappointed in accordance with the Constitution. New trustees can be nominated by the existing board members. On the appointment of each new trustee, induction is provided by the existing trustees as to the aims of the charities and the activities undertaken to achieve the objectives of the charity.

Organisational Structure

The management of the charity is the responsibility of the trustees, and the charity is also supported in its day-to-day activities by an executive committee of the core users of the charity and a number of volunteers. All trustees act on a voluntary basis with regards to the charity and received no remuneration or other benefits.

Objectives and Activities

The objectives of the Dharma Mandir Newport charity focus on two main areas:

1. Advancement of Religion: Promoting the teachings and tenets of Hinduism (Sanatan Dharma) for the public benefit in Newport and the surrounding areas.

2. Advancement of Education: Supporting public education in the Hindi and Sanskrit languages, as well as aspects of Hindu culture, philosophy, art, literature, music, and history.

These objectives aim to enhance community understanding and appreciation of Hinduism.

Activities

Throughout 2025, Dharma Mandir Newport has continued its work to support Hindu worship, preserve cultural traditions and bring communities together through religious and social activities.

The mandir has observed the principal Hindu festivals and religious occasions throughout the year, while also introducing additional celebrations, including Garba, providing further opportunities for devotees to participate in traditional music, dance and worship.

Regular monthly pujas have remained central to the mandir's activities, with strong support from devotees sponsoring these services to mark significant personal milestones and occasions. The mandir has also continued to provide a setting for weddings and other important religious ceremonies, supporting individuals and families at meaningful moments in their lives.

Through these activities, Dharma Mandir Newport continues to provide a welcoming environment for worship, cultural participation and community connection, supported by the ongoing commitment of its volunteers and devotees.

Achievements and Performance

During 2025, Dharma Mandir Newport continued to strengthen its position as a centre for Hindu religious and cultural life in Newport and the wider South Wales community.

A significant achievement has been the growth in the charity's membership, which has now exceeded 300 registered members. This increase reflects the continued engagement of devotees and the growing community supporting the mandir's charitable objectives.

The Bhagavad Gita discovery sessions have also continued, providing opportunities for participants to explore Hindu philosophy and teachings, deepen their spiritual understanding and maintain an ongoing connection with Sanatan Dharma.

The mandir's activities have also received recognition beyond its immediate congregation. In particular, Dharma Mandir Newport was featured in the South Wales Argus in connection with its Maha Shivratri celebrations, helping to raise the charity's profile and highlight Hindu religious and cultural life within the local community.

These developments demonstrate the charity's continued progress in promoting Hindu religious practice, encouraging participation and strengthening its contribution to the wider community.

Financial Review

Donations continue to be the principal source of income for Dharma Mandir Newport, supporting the delivery of its religious, cultural and community activities.

Total receipts for 2025 were £9,027, compared with £8,777 in 2024. Total payments were £5,580, compared with £134 in 2024, much of the increase in expense was due to renewals and rates. Receipts exceeded payments by £3,448, increasing cash funds from £11,285 at the start of the year to £14,733 at 31 December 2025.

The charity continues to benefit from the dedication of its volunteers, whose contributions help facilitate its activities and support the effective use of available financial resources in furtherance of its charitable objectives.

The trustees remain committed to the responsible management of the charity's finances and to maintaining a sustainable financial position that enables Dharma Mandir Newport to continue serving its congregation and the wider community.

Reserves Policy

At the year end, Dharma Mandir Newport held unrestricted cash funds of £14,733 These funds are held to meet future expenditure that may occur. At present, the trustees aim to hold sufficient reserves to be able to meet the ongoing costs of the various activities organised by the charity.

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The office bearers and trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose at any time the financial position of the charity, and which enable them to fulfil their responsibility to prepare financial statements in compliance with the Charities Act 2011.

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf,



Armand Khusul
Trustee
Deputy Chair

29/10/2026

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Receipts and Payments Account

Year ended 31 December 2025 (01/01/2025 to 31/12/2025)

Receipts	**Total 2025 £**	**Total 2024 £**
Donations	9,027	8,777
Membership	-	-
Activities for Generating Funds	-	-
Bank & Deposit Interest	-	-
Total Receipts	**9,027**	**8,777**
Payments		
General Expense	1,043	134
Repairs & Renewals	1,581	
Rates	2,956	
Total Payments	**5,580**	**134**
Net of Receipts/(Payments)	3,448	8,643
Transfers	-	-
Opening Cash Funds	11,285	2,642
Closing Cash Funds	**14,733**	**11,285**

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Statement of Balances

At 31 December 2025

Bank, Deposit & Cash Balances	**Total 2025 £**	**Total 2024 £**
Bank, deposit & cash balances brought forward	11,285	2,642
Movement in year:		
Net of Receipts over Payments for the year	3,448	8,643
Bank, deposit & cash balances carried forward	**14,733**	**11,285**
Assets		
Gift Aid Receivable	-	-
Total Assets	-	-
Liabilities		
Costs not yet billed	-	-
Total Liabilities	-	-

The financial statements were approved by the trustees on 29/10/2026

For and on behalf of the trustees



Armand Khusul
Trustee
Deputy Chair