

**HINDU RELIGIOUS & CULTURAL SOCIETY LEICESTER**

**(Registered Charity No. 51373)**

**TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2023**

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**Reference and Administrative information**

Charity Name Hindu Religious & Cultural Society Leicester  
(Other names: Geeta Bhavan and Hindu Community Centre)

Charity Number **513713**  
Address 70 Clarendon Park Road, Leicester, LE2 3AD  
Independent Examiner Ashok Desor & Co, 128A Evington Road, Leicester, LE2 1HL  
Bankers National Westminster Bank Plc, 1 Granby Street, Leicester, LE1 6EJ  
Lloyds TSB Bank Plc, High Street, Leicester. LE1 4FP  
Punjab National Bank (Int.) Limited, 160 Belgrave Road, Leicester, LE4 5UA

**Trustees**

The trustees during the year under review were:

Mr Ashok Kumar Verma  
Mr Janak Raj Sangar  
Mrs Krishna Kumari  
Dr Sanjiv Kumar Shridhar MBE  
Mr Kulwant Ray Bagga

**Governing Documents**

The Charity is governed by its Constitution adopted on 13<sup>th</sup> February 1983 and revised on 10th June 2007.

**Objectives and Activities**

The objectives of the Society are to advance the Sanatan Hindu Religion by the provision of a place of worship, of education in the principles of Sanatan Hindu Religious faith and other functions of a religious nature. The society also enables the development and provision of recreational, educational, social and cultural activities for the benefit of its members and wider community via Community centre.

**Organisational structures**

The Society shall have five Trustees who shall be current life members of the Society and be nominated by Management Committee after due consideration as to their suitability and then approved at Annual General Meeting, each trustee shall serve for five years. The Society's moveable and immovable property shall be vested onto the Trustees who will maintain and manage such for the aims and objectives of the Society. The Management Committee of fifteen members including office bearers elected at Annual General Meeting will manage all affairs and activities of the Society and shall be current members of the Society and serve for two years.

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The Trustees are made familiar with the practical work of the Charity and its objectives. Appropriate training and information is provided as required for their role and responsibilities as Trustees. The Management Committee team is structured with delegated titles and responsibilities to maintain the daily activities.

**Risk Management**

The Trustees and Management Committee are aware of the risks to the funding and review the situation at every Trustee/Committee meeting. Appropriate plans to deal with this are in place and are continually monitored. To minimise financial risk payments from bank requires two signatures and a receipt is issued for each income item. The treasurer provides monthly income and expenditure statement to the Management Committee. Health, safety and hygiene of the Charity's staff, volunteers and visitors is reviewed as necessary according to their activity of religious or community centre aspect. The premises of the Society is continually kept under review for any additions, repairs or replacements required to provide safe and convenient environment for all staff, volunteers and visitors who take advantage of religious, social and cultural activities of the society.

**Committee members and Volunteers**

The office bearers for the year under review were as below making up fifteen volunteer members of the Management Committee. The committee was elected at the Annual General Meeting on 26<sup>th</sup> September 2021.

Mr S C Sahdev – President  
Mr M S Bhalla - Assistant President  
Mr M C Prasher - Secretary  
Mr P Gadhok - Assistant Secretary  
Mr H C Gadhok – Treasurer  
Mr M Khurana – Internal auditor

The Charity has one fulltime employee as a Priest.

In addition to the formal committee members the Society is privileged to have a dedicated group of volunteers who help at the various activities during the year.

**Performance**

Management Committee met regularly to review the current activities and to plan the requirements for upcoming periodic, regular worshipping, cultural, and social events so they can happen smoothly and safely.

After Covid 19 all the religious and community centre activities returned to normal. Some of the valuable health and hygiene practices introduced during Covid have been retained.

The temple opened morning and evening each day with additional hours when necessary for religious practice of twice daily prayer, weekly ladies satsang, monthly Hanuman chalisa recitals, and various Hindu Sanatan religious events during the year e.g. Shivratri, Ramnavami, Krishna Janamastmi, Deity establishment prayers, Diwali, 9 day reading of Bhagvat Gita. Visiting Priests were invited to give talks and we accommodated group visits of school children to explain and inform them of basic aspects of Hindu religion. It is notable that a large group of overseas students from local university regularly participate in religious services and do volunteer work.

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The community centre activities of weekly elderly luncheon club, Yoga exercise sessions, children's Hindi educational classes, secondary school level maths and science classes were run. Dinner was cooked and served after Sunday evening prayers to congregation and an annual light musical evening get together was successfully held. Hot food for homeless was prepared and packed for distribution by a midlands charity monthly. All the community centre activities are managed and run by dedicated team of volunteers.

**Financial review/ Reserve Policy**

The accounts of the Society are prepared in two sections, Geeta Bhavan for religious activities and Community Centre for social and cultural activities. We have chosen to present simple Income and Expenditure format. The Geeta Bhavan and Community Centre combined bank and cash balance on 31st Mar 2023 was £382,453 (£351,365). The total income of the Society was £82,735 (£86,566) and the total expenditure was £51,648 (£36,778). Included in the above bank balance the Society has £58,472 on 2-year fixed deposit, maturing in Mar 2025, with Punjab National Bank.

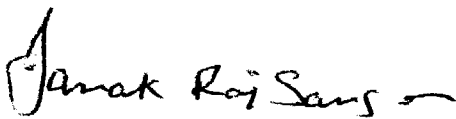
The Trustees are satisfied that all normal expenses as they fall due can be comfortably met from current cash balance. There are no planned projects requiring abnormal outlay and new projects will be considered on basis of our reserves and any borrowing impact.

**Trustees Responsibilities**

The Trustees are required by Charities Act to prepare financial statements which give true and fair view. They are responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Society and oversee the functioning of the Charity within the Charity Commission regulations and the Charity's constitution.

On behalf of the Trustees

30th January 2024




Janak Raj Sangar  
Trustee

ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT  
TO THE HINDU RELIGIOUS & CULTURAL SOCIETY (GEETA BHAVAN)  
70 CLARENDON PARK ROAD, LEICESTER

We have examined the summary of income and expenditure for the year ended 31 March 2023 on pages 2 to 5.

In our opinion these statements are:-

- 1) A fair summary of income amounting to £76,232.00 and a fair summary of expenditure amounting to £36,663.81 as listed in the prime books and records.
- 2) Sufficiently supported by accounts, receipts and other documents which have been produced to us.

  
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**Ashok Desor & Co.**

Chartered Certified Accountants.

128A Evington Road  
Leicester.

7 July 2023

HINDU RELIGIOUS & CULTURAL SOCIETY (GEETA BHAVAN)

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS SUMMARY

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

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SUMMARY

Balance brought forward 1 April 2022	322,289.51
Income for the year (page 3)	76,232.00
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	398,521.51
<u>Less:</u> Expenditure during the year (page 4)	(36,663.81 )
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Balance carried forward 31 March 2023	£ 361,857.70
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BALANCE IS MADE UP OF

National Westminster Bank Plc - (Current account)	295,447.85
Lloyds Bank Plc - (Treasurer's account)	9,886.66
Punjab National Bank (International) Limited - (Term deposits)	58,472.50
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	363,807.01
<u>Less:</u> Unpresented cheques	(2,013.76 )
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	361,793.25
Cash in hand	64.45
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	£ 361,857.70
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President: S C Sahdev ..... *S. C Sahdev*

Secretary: M C Prasher ..... *M C Prasher*

Treasurer: H C Gadhok ..... *H C Gadhok*

Approved on: 7 July 2023

HINDU RELIGIOUS & CULTURAL SOCIETY (GEETA BHAVAN)

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

<u>INCOME</u>	£
Membership	223.00
Donations	27,788.00
Charat	22,833.95
Covenants	1,126.00
Disposable plates, sarees etc	125.00
Hall rent	1,550.00
HMRC gift aid	5,310.21
Kirtan, pooja, jagrata, havan, etc.	5,546.00
Bank interest received	1,208.84
Mukat	2,879.00
25th anniversery donations	7,642.00
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<u>Gross income for the year</u>	£ 76,232.00
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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

	£	£
<b><u>Gross income for the year</u></b>		<b>76,232.00</b>
<b><u>Less: Expenditure</u></b>		
Salary & national insurance	14,589.30	
Nest pension - employer's contributions	620.07	
Travelling	1,200.00	
Property repairs and renewals	4,019.88	
Donations and gifts (note 1)	1,651.00	
Furniture, fixtures & equipment (note 2)	2,331.55	
Langar expenses	2,000.00	
Telephone	709.46	
Property insurance	2,067.41	
Pooja and mandir items	717.48	
Stationery	98.00	
Pest control and cleaning	259.30	
Dakshana	133.00	
25th anniversary expenses	5,710.10	
Food for homeless	557.26	
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		<b>36,663.81</b>
<b><u>Surplus during the year</u></b>		<b>£ 39,568.19</b>
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NOTES TO THE INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023


1.	<u>DONATIONS AND GIFTS</u>	£
	Loros	500.00
	Vista	250.00
	British heart Foundation	250.00
	Lord mayor appeal	151.00
	Gaushala, India	500.00
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		£ 1,651.00
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2.	<u>FURNITURE, FIXTURES &amp; EQUIPMENT</u>	£
	Three Brass engraved plaques	750.00
	Two 65" TV screens	1,161.55
	Washing machine	200.00
	Carpet	220.00
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		£ 2,331.55
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3.	<u>CASH FLOW STATEMENT</u>	£
	Gross income for the year	76,232.00
	<u>Less:</u> Expenditure during the year	(36,663.81 )
	Surplus during the year	<hr/>
		£ 39,568.19
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	<u>Represented by:</u>	
	Increase in cash at bank balances	39,547.53
	Increase in cash in hand	20.66
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		£ 39,568.19
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ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT  
TO THE HINDU RELIGIOUS & CULTURAL SOCIETY (COMMUNITY CENTRE)  
70 CLARENDON PARK ROAD, LEICESTER

We have examined the summary of income and expenditure for the year ended 31 March 2023 on pages 2 to 4.

In our opinion these statements are:-

- 1) A fair summary of income amounting to £6503.25 and a fair summary of expenditure amounting to £14,984.02 as listed in the prime books and records.
- 2) Sufficiently supported by accounts, receipts and other documents which have been produced to us.

  
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**Ashok Desor & Co.**

Chartered Certified Accountants.

128A Evington Road  
Leicester.

7 July 2023

HINDU RELIGIOUS & CULTURAL SOCIETY (COMMUNITY CENTRE)

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS SUMMARY

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

SUMMARY

	£
Balance brought forward 1 April 2022	29,075.80
Income for the year (page 3)	6,503.25
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	35,579.05
<u>Less:</u> Expenditure during the year (page 3)	(14,984.02)
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Balance carried forward 31 March 2023	£ 20,595.03
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BALANCE IS MADE UP OF

Lloyds Bank Plc - Cash at bank	20,999.36
<u>Less:</u> Unpresented cheque	(431.40)
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	20,567.96
Cash in hand	27.07
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	£ 20,595.03
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Secretary: M C Prasher ..... *M. C. Prasher* .....

Treasurer: H C Gadhok ..... *H. C. Gadhok* .....

Approved on: 7 July 2023

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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

<u>Income</u>	£
Kitchen & hall hire	2,915.00
Vidur lunch club	2,595.25
Keertan	678.00
Plates, food etc	315.00
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	6,503.25
<u>Deduct: Expenses</u>	
Electricity	3,783.60
Gas	3,243.80
Water rates	676.40
Postage	136.00
Stationery & photocopy	38.50
Cleaning	2,058.48
Langar plates, cutlery, etc	1,036.85
Caretaker	200.00
Furniture, fixtures & equipment	1,721.74
Repairs & maintenance	1,773.78
Pest control	50.00
Internet and software	239.87
Affiliation fee	25.00
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<b>Total expenditure during the year</b>	<b>14,984.02</b>
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<b><u>Deficit during the year</u></b>	<b>£ (8,480.77 )</b>
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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

1.	<u>FURNITURE, FIXTURES &amp; EQUIPMENT</u>	£
	Installation of meeting room and dinning room TV	1,560.00
	Microphones and microphone holder	91.75
	Camera tripod	29.99
	Second hand panasonic TV	40.00
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		£ 1,721.74
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