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## **GUJARATI ASSOCIATION - WOLVERHAMPTON**

### **TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT**

**31<sup>st</sup> MARCH 2023**

**Charity Number: 700625**



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**Trustees' Annual Report**  
**Year Ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023**

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## MEMBERS OF THE BOARD

<b>Registered charity name:</b>	The Gujarati Association, Wolverhampton.
<b>Charity number:</b>	700625
<b>Principal Office:</b>	The Gujarati Centre Mander Street Pennfields Wolverhampton West Midlands. WV3 0JZ
<b>Trustees</b>	
President	Fatehbhai Patel
Vice President	Naresh Patel
Secretary	Suneeta Patel
Assistant Secretary	Anil Patel
Treasurer	Nilesh Patel
Assistant Treasurer	Jay Parekh
Internal Auditor	
<b>Committee</b>	
	Champaben Patel Kamlaben Patel Bharatbhai Mistry Pankaj Patel Jayeshbhai Patel Ramanbhai R Patel Snehlata Patel Hiren Patel Gina J Patel Balwant Patel
<b>Holding Trustees</b>	
	Jaswantbhai Patel Pratickbhai Patel Kaushik Patel Minesh Patel
<b>Bankers</b>	
	HSBC & Barclays Queens Square Wolverhampton. WV1 1TE



## **TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT**

### **YEAR ENDED 31<sup>st</sup> MARCH 2023**

The trustees present their report and the external examiners report on financial statements of the association for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023

#### **REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

Reference and administrative details are shown in the schedule of members of the board and professional advisers on page 1 of the financial statements.

#### **THE TRUSTEES**

The trustees who served the association during the period were as follows:

##### **Trustees**

President	Fatehbhai Patel
Vice President	Naresh Patel
Secretary	Suneeta Patel
Assistant Secretary	Anil Patel
Treasurer	Nilesh Patel
Assistant Treasurer	Jay Parekh
Internal Auditor	

##### **Committee members**

Champaben Patel  
Kamlaben Patel  
Bharatbhai Mistry  
Pankaj Patel  
Jayeshbhai Patel  
Ramanbhai R Patel  
Snehlata Patel  
Hiren Patel  
Gina J Patel  
Balwant Patel



## **TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT**

### **YEAR ENDED 31<sup>st</sup> MARCH 2023**

#### **STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

The Gujarati Association (Wolverhampton) was formed in 1968, adopting its own constitution and was granted charitable status on the 8<sup>th</sup> December 1988.

Trustees are appointed by the membership at an Annual General Meeting (A.G.M) and carry out day-to-day running of the association. We have three 'holding' trustees who are elected on a five-year term, who shall be named and responsible for the trust property.

#### **OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

- a) To promote the benefit of the residents of Wolverhampton particularly but not exclusively members of the Hindu 'Gujarati' community by the advancement of education, the relief of poverty and sickness the preservation and protection of good health and the provision of facilities for recreation and other leisure-time occupation in the interests of social welfare and with the object of improving the condition of life of the 'Gujarati' community,
- b) to relieve beneficiaries who are in conditions of need by such means as thought fit including help and assistance for the aged,
- c) to promote unity and racial harmony within the different communities in Wolverhampton by any charitable means that the trustees may from time to time think fit.
- d) to advance the Hindu religion.
- e) to establish a centre and to maintain and manage such a centre for activities promoted by the association in furtherance of the above objects.

#### **ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE**

The association has continued to organise a variety of activities engaging all its members (young and old). The 'Sahkar' day centre (elderly club), meet once a week to socialise, keep active and prepare a meal and take part in various activities. This is proving very popular as the word gets around. The elderly often feel isolated in their homes and so getting out and meeting fellow members is a perfect way to break up their week. Transportation is provided by the local 'Ring and Ride' service for those who cannot get to the centre themselves.

On a positive note, popular activities such as the weekly 'yoga' and circuit training classes, continue to flourish. Certainly the 'yoga' class have about fifty people who attend on a weekly basis. This is open to all nationalities, Religious beliefs and 'gender'. It is nice to see other communities attending and using our facilities. The 'circuit training' classes also helps in helping people keep fit. Again, completely 'free' and open to all sections of our community.



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Promotion of all the events that take place within the organisation (Religious and general) are advertised/communicated via 'Social media' and the old-fashioned way. We have our own 'Gujarati Association Facebook page', our own 'e-mail' database, and we also print-off newsletters which are available to the community via a number of platforms.

Recently, we have also started to hold events addressing other important subject areas such as 'mental health awareness'. The event proved very successful since it is not something 'Gujarati' communities seem to talk about and address.

By far the biggest achievement is our continued development of services within the community. Our premises now serves not only our 'Gujarati' community but other factions of the Wolverhampton community, for people to hire out for; weddings, birthday parties etc.

## **FINANCIAL REVIEW**

The results for the year, and the financial position at the end of the year, are shown in the attached financial statements.

## **PLANS FOR FUTURE PERIODS**

The association is currently in the process of utilising the planning permission to update the other hall on the premises and would like to thank the community for their continued support.

Signed on behalf of the trustees

Mr Nilesh Patel  
Treasurer

**THE GUJARATI ASSOCIATION, WOLVERHAMPTON.  
REGISTERED CHARITY No 700625  
INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023**

	Gross	Expenses	Net
<b>DONATIONS</b>			
Mandir Donations	3,837		3,837
Festival Donations	11,160	-14,872	-3,712
	<u>14,997</u>	<u>-14,872</u>	<u>125</u>
<b>OTHER INCOME</b>			
Membership Fee	500		500
Hall hire rent	292,100	-158,302	133,798
Tiffin services	13,475	-24,997	-11,522
Vadil Sammeln		-1,585	-1,585
Childrens party		-355	-355
Youth club		-904	-904
	<u>306,075</u>	<u>-186,143</u>	<u>119,932</u>
Total net Income			120,057
<b>Less : Overheads</b>			
Building maintenance & repairs		11,612	
Water charges		1,137	
AGM expense		188	
Telephone, broadbands & zoom fee		653	
Insurance		1,895	
Light & heat		8,003	
Yoga, Aerobics & fitness class		6,045	
Charity donation		151	
Printing cost		160	
Marketing		270	
Audit fee		580	
Coach hire		2,750	
Flowers for funeral		30	
Bank charges		60	
Depreciations		<u>5,005</u>	
		<u>38,539</u>	<u>38,539</u>
Net Income for the year		£	<u>81,518</u>

**THE GUJARATI ASSOCIATION, WOLVERHAMPTON.  
REGISTERED CHARITY No 700625**

**Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2023.**

	Note
Gujarati Centre Premises	
Fixed Assets	1
<b>Current Assets</b>	
Cash at bank	421,745
Cash in hand	3,269

**Net Current Assets**  
**Total Assets**  
**Accumulated Funds :**  
 As at 01 April 2022  
 Net Income for the year  
 Total Funds

Note to the Balance Sheet

Note 1

**FIXED ASSETS**

**Fixtures, Fittings & Equipments**

£

**Cost**

As at 01 April 2022	81,111
As at 31 March 2023	81,111

**Depreciation**

As at 01 April 2022	53,305
Charge for the year	5,005
As at 31 March 2023	58,310

**Net Book Value**

As at 31 March 2023	22,801
As at 31 March 2022	27,806

**Section A Receipts and payments**

	Unrestrict ed funds	Restricted funds	Endowme nt funds	Total funds
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>				
Donations	14,997	-	-	14,997
Hall hire rent	292,100	-	-	292,100
Membership	500	-	-	500
Youth club	-	-	-	-
Tiffin services	13,475	-	-	13,475
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total(Gros s income for AR)</b>	321,072	-	-	321,072

**A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).**

	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	-	-	-	-
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>321,072</b>	-	-	<b>321,072</b>

**A3 Payments**

Cost of fundraising	16,812	-	-	16,812
Hall hire expenses	158,302	-	-	158,302
Utilities	9,140	-	-	9,140
Repairs & maintenance	11,612	-	-	11,612
Tiffin service cost	24,997	-	-	24,997
Youth club expenses	904	-	-	904
Insurance	1,895	-	-	1,895
Yoga, Aerobics & fitness classes	6,045	-	-	6,045
Administration cost	4,413	-	-	4,413
Sundry expenses	429	-	-	429
Member's loan	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>234,549</b>	-	-	<b>234,549</b>

**A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)**

Fixtures, Fittings & Equipments				
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>				
	-	-	-	-
<b>payments</b>	<b>234,549</b>	-	-	<b>234,549</b>
<b>payments)</b>	<b>86,523</b>	-	-	<b>86,523</b>
<b>A5 Transfer</b>	-	-	-	-
<b>A6 Cash funds</b>	<b>338,491</b>			<b>338,491</b>
<b>at year end</b>	<b>425,014</b>	-	-	<b>425,014</b>

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

Categories		Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds
Details		to nearest £	to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	Cash at bank	421,745	-
	Cash in hand	3,269	-
		-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>425,014</b>	<b>-</b>
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK
	<b>Unrestricted funds</b>	<b>Restricted funds</b>	
	to nearest £	to nearest £	
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>	Details	-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>	Details		
			-
			-
			-
			-
	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	

**B4  
Assets  
retained  
for the  
charity's  
own use**

**Details**

Gujarati Centre premises
Kitchen equipments
Computer equipments
Fixtures & fittings

**Fund to  
which asset  
belongs**

Unrestricted
Unrestricted
Unrestricted
Unrestricted

**Cost  
(optional)**

-
-
-
-
-
-
-
-
-
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**B5  
Liabilities**

**Details**


**Fund to  
which  
liability  
relates**


**Amount due  
(optional)**

-
-
-
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-

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

Signature

Print Name



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1,526,000  
22,801  

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1,973,815

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81,518  
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**Last year**

**to the  
nearest £**

4,171
169,843
1,551
334
7,233
-
-
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183,132

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<b>19,393</b>
<b>85,127</b>
<b>4,485</b>
<b>22,426</b>
<b>1,007</b>
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<b>3,387</b>
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<b>148,517</b>

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value  
(optional)**

1,526,000
5,757
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**When due  
(optional)**


**Date of  
approval**


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Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of	GUJARATI ASSOCIATION, WOLVERHAMPTON		
On accounts for the year ended	31 MARCH 2023	Charity no (if any)	700625
Set out on pages	As per attached CC16a.		

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/03/2023.

**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.

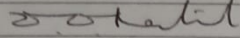
**Independent  
examiner's statement**

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: 28/01/2024

Name: Mr Dhirubhai Dahyabhai Patel

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):

Address: 99 Prince Street,  
Walsall  
WS2 9JQ

**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

