



The Gujarati Association, Wolverhampton
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GUJARATI ASSOCIATION – WOLVERHAMPTON

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

31st MARCH 2024

Charity Number: 700625



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TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT

YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2024

The trustees present their report and the external examiners report on financial statements of the association for the year ended 31st March 2024

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:

MANAGEMENT TRUSTEES

President	Mr Fatehbhai Patel
Vice President	Mr Naresh Patel
Secretary	Mrs Suneeta Patel
Assistant Secretary	Mr Anil Patel
Treasurer	Mr Nilesh Patel
Assistant Treasurer	Mr Jay Parekh
Internal Auditor	
	Ms Champaben Patel
	Mrs Kamlaben Patel
	Mr Bharatbhai Mistry
	Mr Pankaj Patel
	Mr Jayeshbhai Patel
	Mr Ramanbhai R Patel
	Mrs Snehlata Patel
	Mr Hiren Patel
	Mr Balwant Patel



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YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2024

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The Gujarati Association (Wolverhampton) was formed in 1968, adopting its own constitution and was granted charitable status on the 8th 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 four '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 reservation 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, 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.

Popular activities such as the weekly yoga and aerobic 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.

We are providing a Tiffin service twice a week for the elderly within the community which is subsidised by the Association. Our Youth Club continues to run on a weekly basis.

Promotion of all the events that take place within the organisation (Religious and general) are advertised/communicated via our Gujarati Association Facebook page, e-mail and newsletters which are available to the community.

Our premises continues to be a sought after venue hired by different communities to celebrate their special occasions i.e. weddings, birthday parties and community festivals.



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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 extending the premises to enable storage provision and renovation of our existing prayer room.

Signed on behalf of the trustees

Mrs Suneeta Patel

Secretary



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REGISTERED CHARITY No 700625
INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024.

	Gross	Expenses	Net
	£	£	£
DONATIONS			
Mandir Donations	2,426		2,426
Festival Donations	29,428	-12,407	17,021
	<u>31,854</u>	<u>-12,407</u>	<u>19,447</u>
OTHER INCOME			
Membership Fee	125		125
Hall hire rent	266,052	-163,018	103,034
Tiffin services	15,439	-30,310	-14,871
Vadil Sammeln		-380	-380
Childrens Christmas party	314		314
Coach Trip	800	-1,350	-550
Yoga, Aerobics & fitness class	56	-5,566	-5,510
Youth club		-981	-981
	<u>282,786</u>	<u>-201,605</u>	<u>81,181</u>
Total net Income			100,628
Less : Overheads			
Building maintenance & repairs		57,659	
Water charges		1,364	
Bin collection charges		1,586	
Telephone, broadbands & zoom fee		753	
Insurance		2,029	
Light & heat		9,865	
Garba class		1,260	
Charity donation		1,000	
Food hygiene training		200	
Marketing		606	
Audit fee		600	
Funeral donation		80	
Bank charges		152	
Depreciations		<u>4,104</u>	
			<u>81,258</u>
Net Income for the year	£		<u>19,370</u>



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Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2024.

	Note	£	£
Gujarati Centre Premises			1,526,000
Fixed Assets	1		<u>18,697</u>
			1,544,697
Current Assets			
Cash at bank		447,004	
Cash in hand		<u>1,484</u>	
		448,488	
Net Current Assets			<u>448,488</u>
Total Assets			<u><u>1,993,185</u></u>
Accumulated Funds :			
As at 01 April 2023			1,973,815
Net Income for the year			<u>19,370</u>
Total Funds			<u><u>1,993,185</u></u>



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Note to the Balance Sheet

Note 1

FIXED ASSETS

Fixtures, Fittings & Equipments

£

Cost

As at 01 April 2023	81,111
As at 31 March 2024	<u>81,111</u>

Depreciation

As at 01 April 2023	58,310
Charge for the year	4,104
As at 31 March 2024	<u>62,414</u>

Net Book Value

As at 31 March 2024	<u>18,697</u>
As at 31 March 2023	<u>22,801</u>



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

GUJARATI ASSOCIATION, WOLVERHAMPTON

On accounts for the year
ended

31 MARCH 2024

Charity no
(if any)

700625

Set out on pages

CC16a

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/03/2024

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity's trustees, 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 all 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 in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- 1. accounting records were kept in respect of the Trust as required by Section 130 of the Act: or
- 2. the accounts do accord with those records.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:

Date:

16 November 2024

Name:

Mr Dhirubhai Dahyabhai Patel

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

Address:

99 Prince Street,

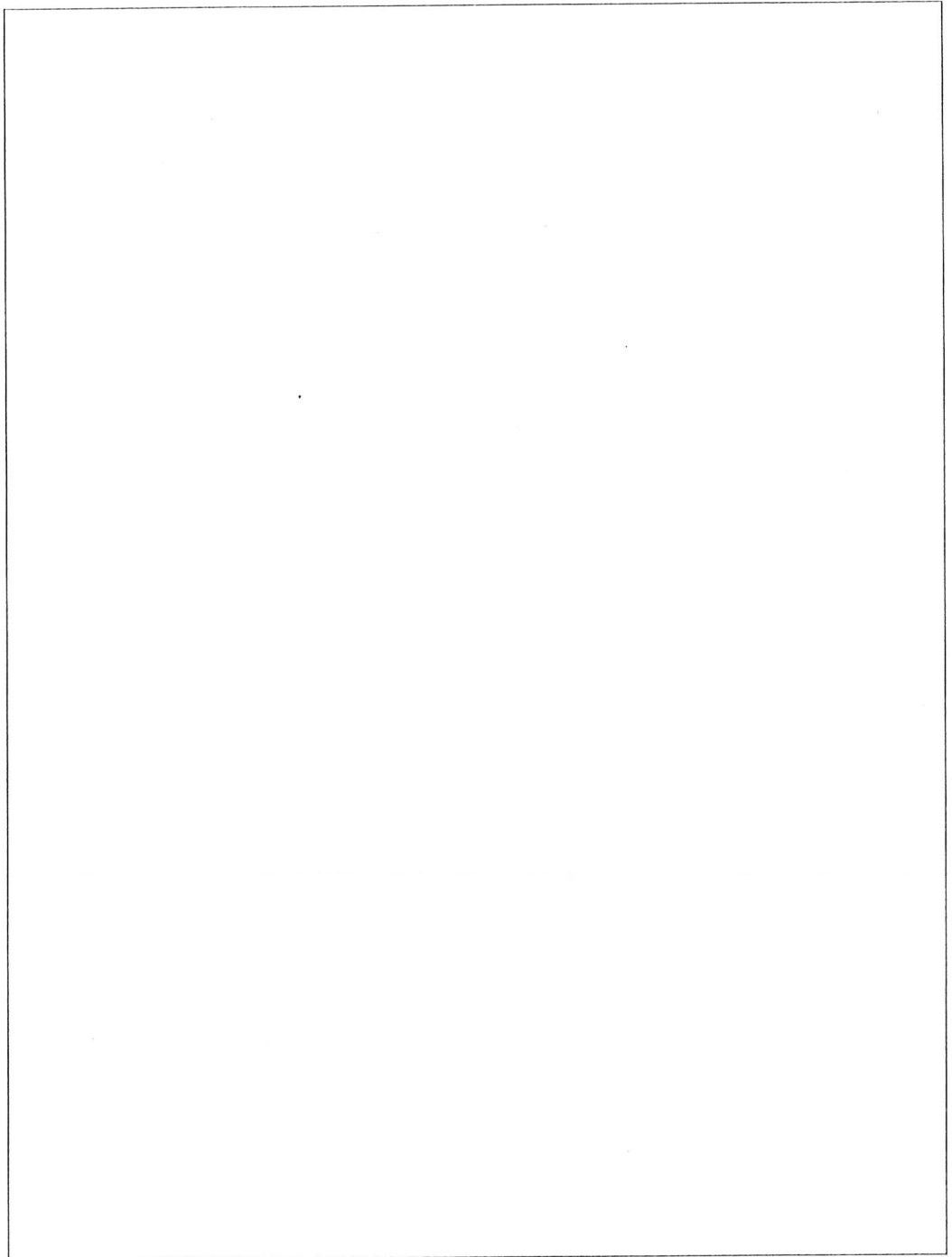
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Section B**Disclosure**

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material 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.





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D. D. Patel

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