The Gujarati Association, Wolverhampton

Connecting our community

GUJARATI ASSOCIATION – WOLVERHAMPTON

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

31st MARCH 2026

Charity Number: 700625

The Gujarati Association, Wolverhampton

Connecting our community

CONTENTS PAGE

Contents	Page
Members of the Board	3
Trustees Annual Report	4
Statement of Financial activities	
Balance sheet	

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD

The Gujarati Association, Wolverhampton
Connecting our community

Registered charity name:	The Gujarati Association, Wolverhampton
Charity number:	700625
Principal Office:	The Gujarati Centre Mander Street Pennfields Wolverhampton West Midlands, WV3 0JZ
MANAGEMENT TRUSTEES	
President	Mr Fatehbhai Patel
Vice President	Mr Naresh Patel
Secretary	Mrs Suneeta Patel
Assistant Secretary	Mr Anil Patel
Treasurer	Mr Ramanbhai R Patel
Assistant Treasurer	
Internal Auditor	
	Ms Champaben Patel
	Mrs Kamlaben Patel
	Mr Bharatbhai Mistry
	Mr Jayeshbhai Patel
	Miss Gina J Patel
	Mr Balwant Patel
HOLDING TRUSTEES	Mr Jaswantbhai Patel
	Mr Pratickbhai Patel
	Mr Kaushik Patel
	Mr Minesh Patel

BANKERS	HSBC Queens Square Wolverhampton WV1 1TE	Barclays Queens Square Wolverhampton WV1 1TX	State Bank of India 39 Queen Square Wolverhampton WV1 1TL

The Gujarati Association, Wolverhampton
Connecting our community

TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT

YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2026

The trustees present their report and the external examiners report on financial statements of the association for the year ended 31st March 2026

REFERENCE AND ADMINSTRATIVE 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 Ramanbhai R Patel
Assistant Treasurer	
Internal Auditor	
	Ms Champaben Patel
	Mrs Kamlaben Patel
	Mr Bharatbhai Mistry
	Mr Jayeshbhai Patel
	Mr Ramanbhai R Patel
	Mr Balwant Patel

The Gujarati Association, Wolverhampton
Connecting our community

TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT

YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2026

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. 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.

Traditional folk-dance classes are being run now twice a week, this offers community members from different ethnic backgrounds to enjoy traditional Gujarati folk dancing with the added benefit of helping keep keeping participants fit.

Table tennis sessions also now take place at the centre once a week for both the young and old.

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 continuing the process of making improvements to the premises to enable storage provision and renovation of our existing kitchen.

A new storage area is to be planned to allow goods to be stored closer to the 2nd Community Hall.

The kitchen is also to be renovated in the 2nd community hall.

Signed on behalf of the trustees

Naresh Patel

Vice President.

The Gujarati Association, Wolverhampton
Connecting our community

THE GUJARATI ASSOCIATION, WOLVERHAMPTON.
REGISTERED CHARITY No 700625
INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2026.

	Gross	Expenses	Net
	£	£	£
DONATIONS			
Mandir Donations	15,542		15,542
Festival Donations	14,011	-18,099	-4,088
Gift Aid	6,063		6,063
	35,616	-18,099	17,517
OTHER INCOME			
Bank interest	4,319		4319
Membership Fee	100		100
Hall hire rent	267,584	-148,897	118,687
Kitchen hire	3,410		3,410
Tiffin services	15,792	-25,043	-9,251
Vadil Sammeln		-1,170	-1,170
Gujarati Classes		-1,410	-1,410
Garba classes	1,876		1,876
New Year celebration	12,185	-5,642	6,543
Yoga, Aerobics & fitness class	1,374	-5,281	-3,907
Youth club		-496	-496
	306,640	-187,939	118,701
Total net Income			136,218
Less : Overheads			
Building maintenance & repairs		7,229	
Water charges		540	
Bin collection charges		2,547	
Telephone & broadbands		892	
Insurance		3,812	
Light & heat		10,616	
Membership		120	
Charity donation		500	
Audit fee		620	
Solicitor's charges		1,498	
Sundry exxpense		36	
Bank charges		87	
Depreciations		2,954	
			-31,451
Net Income for the year	£		104,767

The Gujarati Association, Wolverhampton
Connecting our community

THE GUJARATI ASSOCIATION, WOLVERHAMPTON.
REGISTERED CHARITY No 700625

Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2026.

		£	£
Gujarati Centre Premises		1,933,920	
Addition : New Building		57774	1,991,694
Fixed Assets	Note 1		13,461
			2,005,155
Current Assets			
Cash at bank		151,275	
Cash in hand		456	
Debtor		1,350	
		153,081	
Total Current Assets			153,081
Total Assets			2,158,236
Accumulated Funds :			
As at 01 April 2025			2,053,469
Net Income for the year			104,767
Total Accumulated Funds as at 31/03/2026			2,158,236

The Gujarati Association, Wolverhampton
Connecting our community

CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

GUJARATI ASSOCIATION, WOLVERHAMPTON	700625	CC16a

Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	01/04/2025	To	31/03/2026

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Donations	29,553	-	-	29,553	5,759
Gift Aid	6,063			6,063	
Hall/Kitchen hire rent	270,994	-	-	270,994	249,479
Membership	100	-	-	100	454
Tiffin services	15,792	-	-	15,792	19,060
Fund raising events	15,435	-	-	15,435	14,411
Bank interest	4,319	-	-	4,319	1,192
Sub total	342,256			342,256	290,355
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
Euipment		-	-		65
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	**-**	-	-	**-**	**65**
Total receipts	**342,256**			**342,256**	**290,420**
A3 Payments					
Cost of fund raising	26,321	-	-	26,321	9,227
Hall hire expenses	148,897	-	-	148,897	140,993
Utilities	11,156	-	-	11,156	12,519
Repairs & maintenance	7,229	-	-	7,229	6,299
Tiffin service cost	25,043	-	-	25,043	35,732
Youth club expenses	496	-	-	496	1,839
Insurance	3,812	-	-	3,812	2,175
Yoga, Aerobics & fitness classes	5,281	-	-	5,281	4,300
Administration cost	6,264			6,264	12,945
Sundry expenses	36	-	-	36	688
Sub total	**234,535**	-	-	**234,535**	**226,717**
A4 Asset and investment purchases. (see table)					
Building cost	57,774	-	-	57,774	407,920
Equipments	1,137	-	-	1,137	
Sub total	**58,911**	-	-	**58,911**	**407,920**
Total payments	**293,446**	-	-	**293,446**	**634,637**
Net of receipts/(payments)	**48,810**	-	-	**48,810**	**- 344,217**
A5 Transfers between fun	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year e	**104,271**	-	-	**104,271**	**448,488**
Cash funds this year end	**153,081**	-	-	**153,081**	**104,271**

The Gujarati Association, Wolverhampton

Connecting our community

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

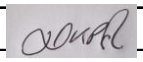
Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	**Cash at bank**	**151,275**	-	-
	Cash in hand	**456**	-	-
	Debtor	**1,350**	-	-
	Total cash funds (agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	**153,081**	-	-
		OK	OK	OK

	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Gujarati Centre Premises	Unrestricted	**1,991,694**	**1,991,694**
	Kitchen equipments	Unrestricted	**10,853**	**3,613**
	Computer equipments	Unrestricted	**7,458**	**1,013**
	Fixtures & fittings	Unrestricted	**63,937**	**8,835**
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
		Naresh Patel	28.06.2026

CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of	GUJARATI ASSOCIATION, WOLVERHAMPTON.		
On accounts for the year ended	31 MARCH 2026	**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 31/03/2026.

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 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 order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:	[signature]	**Date:**	27/06/2026
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).