N SETHIA FOUNDATION

England & Wales · Charity number 1049481

Details

Status	Registered
Legal form	Trust
Registered	1995-09-27
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

Objects: (I) RELIEF OF THE SICK ELDERLY DISABLED DESTITUTE AND OF ORPHANS INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO THE PROVISION MEDICINES MEDICINAL TREATMENT AND CARE AND MAINTENANCE AND ANY OTHER ASSISTANCE REQUIRED FOR THEIR WELFARE. (II) ADVANCEMENT OF EDUCATION (ACADEMIC AND PHYSICAL) INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO THE GRANT SCHOLARSHIPS TUITION FEES AND BURSARIES AND THE PROVISION OF AND ASSISTANCE IN AQUIRING BUILDING REPAIRING AND MAINTENANCE OF SCHOOLS BUILDINGS LECTURE AND ASSEMBLY HALLS HOSTELS AND GYMNASIUMS. (III) ADVANCEMENT OF RELIGION INCLUDING THE MAKING OF FINANCIAL GIFTS TO TT DEVASTAMAMS A RELIGIOUS CHARITY REGISTERED IN INDIA TO FINANCE THAT CHARITY'S CONSTRUCTION OF A TEMPLE AS WELL AS ITS OTHER CHARITABLE AND EDUCATIONAL PURPOSES

Activities: The objects of the Charity are:a) the relief of the sick, elderly, disabled, destitute and of orphansb) the advancement of education, and c) the advancement of religion

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Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Organisations
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training, The Advancement Of Health Or Saving Of Lives, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Religious Activities
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** ENGLAND, WALES AND INDIA
- India
- Throughout London

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-04-05	£293,856	£48,905	-	-
2024-04-05	£62,219	£2,051,951	-	-
2023-04-05	£218,155	£74,179	-	-
2022-04-05	£76,322	£18,941	-	-
2021-04-05	£487,213	£144,157	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
NIRMAL KUMAR SETHIA	Chair	
ARUN BHATTACHARYA		2014-02-18
Amrao Jain		2013-11-27
RICHA SETHIA		
Shraddha Sethia		2025-12-22

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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TRUST Established by trust deed on 22 August 1995 and registered on 27 September 1995.

BANKERS Barclays Bank plc

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR

Boydell & Co
Statutory Auditor
Chartered Accountants
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ACCOUNTS

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N SETHIA FOUNDATION

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2025

The trustees present their report together with the annual financial statements for the year ended 5 April 2025. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in Note 1 to the accounts and comply with the charity's trust deed, the Charities Act 2011 and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) effective 1 January 2019.

Objectives and activities

The N Sethia Foundation ("the Trust") was established to express the charitable intentions of Mr Nirmal Kumar Sethia and his family. The income and the capital of the Trust is to be used exclusively for the benefit of charitable purposes at the discretion of the trustees.

The legally permitted objectives are wide and cover generally accepted charitable objects.

The main charitable activities funded by the Foundation are for medical research and U.K. heritage conservation.

The Foundation offers assistance and services without any discrimination of caste, creed, gender or religion. It also provides financial assistance to the unfortunate, serving them in all possible ways. The Foundation funds valuable medical research which will have a positive impact on people's health and well-being.

The trustees have referred to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit with due regard when reviewing the type of activities the Trust should undertake.

Achievements and performance

The main charitable activities funded by the Trust during the year were for the advancement of education. The list of grants provided during the year is included in note 4 to the financial statements. The Trust does not directly perform charitable activities.

The amount of donation received from Sethia London Limited and Newby Teas (UK) Limited is expected to vary from year to year. During the year the Trust received £293,856 (2024: £39,399) from Newby Teas (UK) Limited. The Trust also received museum item worth £nil from Mr N K Sethia who is a trustee of the charity (2024: £22,820).

Fund raising activities

The charity does not raise finance through fund raising activities. It's main source of donation receipts is under a deed of covenant with Sethia London Limited and Newby Teas (UK) Limited.

Financial review

The charity's financial activities are shown on page 10 of these financial statements. The trustees regard the state of affairs of the charity to be satisfactory. The trustees aim to maximise growth and income from the investments without taking undue risks.

Financial review (continued)
The net income/(expenditure) for the year was £244,951 (2024: £1,989,732- net expenditure). Charitable activities amounted to £37,129 (2024: £2,028,800).

The fund balance as at year ended 5 April 2025 was £7,498,776 (2024: £7,235,224) and consisted primarily of heritage assets in the Chitra Collection (see https://nsethiafoundation.com/).

Structure, governance and management
The Trust was established by trust deed on 22 August 1995 and registered as a charity on 27 September 1995 under registration number 1049481.

The Trust does not invite donation from members of the general public. The Trust achieves its objectives mainly by making grants to other charitable institutions and deserving causes.

New trustees are appointed by the settlor of the Trust, Mr Nirmal Kumar Sethia, during his lifetime, and thereafter by unanimous approval of the trustees. On appointment of the new trustees, one of the existing trustees explains to the new trustee the decision-making process of the Trust and provides an overview of the administrative procedures employed by the Trust.

Plans for the future periods and going concern
The Trust has adequate funds to meet the Trust's commitments for the coming year. The trustees will seek similar long-term projects that will accord with the objectives of the Foundation. The trustees continue to consider proposals for major projects mainly in the field of medicine and education.

Risks and principal uncertainties
The trustees have reviewed the charity's activities and they have considered the risks to which it is exposed and systems have been established to enable reports to be produced so that the necessary steps can be taken to lessen those risks. They are mindful that the main source of income is from Sethia London Limited and Newby Teas (UK) Limited.

Reserves policy
Given the fluctuation in donations received, the Trust's policy is to retain sufficient funds to meet its grant commitments. The trustees recognise the need to maintain sufficient reserves to continue their operations. At the year end the Trust is holding £7.5m in reserves to cover its financial commitments of £2m.

The trustees have regular meetings to discuss and consider the status of the Trust's funding, reserves, risks, investments and grant making. The administration of grants and the processing and handling of applications is carried out by the employees of Sethia London Limited as the Trust has no paid staff.

The trustees throughout the year were as follows:

Mr Nirmal Kumar Sethia-Founding trustee
Ms Richa Sethia
Mr Amrao Jain
Mr Arun Bhattacharya
Lord Ara Darzi

Statement of responsibilities of the trustees of N Sethia Foundation in respect of the trustees'annual report and the financial statements

The charity trustees are responsible for preparing a trustees' annual report and financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice). The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the charity trustees to prepare financial statements for each year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, of the charity for that period. In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the applicable Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2025

Statement of responsibilities of the trustees of N Sethia Foundation in respect of the trustees' annual report and the financial statements (continued)

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the applicable Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations, and the provisions of the Trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the charity and financial information included on the charity's website in accordance with legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees

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Mr Nirmal Kumar Sethia
Trustee

25 June 2025

N SETHIA FOUNDATION

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF N SETHIA FOUNDATION

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of N. Sethia Foundation ("the charity") for the year ended 5 April 2025, shown on pages 10 to 21, which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, Statement of Cashflows and related notes, including the accounting policies in note 1. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom accounting standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 *the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland* (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements,

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 5 April 2025 and of its incoming resources and applications of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice, including FRS 102 the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland and
- have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing UK (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charitable company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to the audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the Financial Reporting Council's Ethical Standard - Provisions Available for Audits of Small Entities, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Going concern

We are required to report to you if we have concluded that the use of the going concern basis of accounting is inappropriate or there is an undisclosed material uncertainty that may cast significant doubt over the use of that basis for a period of at least twelve months from the date of approval of the financial statements. We have nothing to report in these respects.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF N SETHIA FOUNDATION

Other information
The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, other than the financial statements and our Report of the Independent Auditors thereon. The trustees are responsible for the other information. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether, based on our financial statements audit work, the information therein is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information we are required to report that fact.
We have nothing to report in this regard.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception
We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the information given in the trustees' report is inconsistent in any material respect with the financial statements; or
- sufficient accounting records have not been kept; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Trustees' responsibilities
As explained more fully in the Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities set out on page 4 and page 5, the trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditors' responsibilities
We have been appointed as auditor under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with the Act and relevant regulations made or having effect thereunder.

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF N SETHIA FOUNDATION

Auditors' responsibilities (continued)

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue our Report of the Independent Auditors that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our Report of the Independent Auditors.

Extent to which the audit was considered capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs (UK), we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. In addition, we:

• Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to
fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.

• Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the charitable company's internal controls.

• Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting
estimates and related disclosures made by management.

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF N SETHIA FOUNDATION

• Conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting
and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events
or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the charitable company to cease to continue as a going concern.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

Use of our report
This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Boydell & Co.

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3/7/25

Boydell & Co
Statutory Auditor
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N SETHIA FOUNDATION

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2025

		Unrestricted funds £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Income and endowments from:				
Donations and grants	(3)	293,856	293,856	62,219
Total income		293,856	293,856	62,219
Expenditure on:				
Charitable activities	(4)	37,129	37,129	2,028,800
Other expenditure	(5)	11,776	11,776	23,151
Total expenditure		48,905	48,905	2,051,951
Net income /(expenditure)		244,951	244,951	(1,989,732)
Other recognised gains/(losses) on investment assets				
Realised gains		18,601	18,601	-
Net movements in funds		263,552	263,552	(1,989,732)
Reconciliation of funds:				
Total funds brought forward		7,235,224	7,235,224	9,224,956
Total funds carried forward		7,498,776	7,498,776	7,235,224

The notes on pages 13 to 21 form an integral part of these financial statements.

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BALANCE SHEET AT 5 APRIL 2025

		2025		2024	
		£		£	
Fixed assets					
Heritage assets	(7)		9,797,526		9,817,925
Investments	(8)		350,000		350,000
			10,147,526		10,167,925
Current assets					
Cash at bank and on deposit		4,310		104,462	
Debtors	(9)	293,856		39,399	
		298,166		143,861	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	(10)	(1,446,916)		(1,076,562)	
Net current (liabilities)/assets			(1,148,750)		(932,701)
Net assets less current liabilities			8,998,776		9,235,224
Creditors: amounts falling due after one year	(11)		(1,500,000)		(2,000,000)
Net assets			7,498,776		7,235,224
Funds					
Restricted	(1)		-		-
Unrestricted	(1)		7,498,776		7,235,224
Total funds	(1)		7,498,776		7,235,224

Approved by the Board of Trustees on 25 June 2025 and authorised for issue on its behalf by:

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Mr Nirmal Kumar Sethia
Trustee

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STATEMENT OF CASHFLOWS AT 5 APRIL 2025

	Notes	2025	2024
		£	£
Cash flows from operating activities			
Net cash (outflow)/inflow from operating activities	17	(139,152)	29,124
Cash flows from investing activities			
Payments to acquire heritage assets		-	(22,820)
Proceeds on disposal of heritage assets		39,000	-
Net cash used in investing activities		39,000	(22,820)
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the year		(100,152)	(6,304)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year		104,462	98,158
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year		4,310	104,462

The notes on pages 13 to 21 form an integral part of these financial statements.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2025

Statutory information

N. Sethia Foundation is an unincorporated charity, domiciled in England and Wales, established by trust deed on 22 August 1995. The charity was registered with the Charities' Commission on 27 September 1995 and has the registered charity number 1049481. Accordingly, it should be exempt from tax in respect of its charitable activities, gains and investment income.

The registered office is N Sethia House, 105 St John Street, London, EC1M 4AS.

Statement of compliance

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019) – (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (as amended by SORP update bulletin 1 concerning the non disclosure of a cashflow statement) and the Charities Act 2011.

There were no material departures from the standard.

N. Sethia Foundation meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note(s).

The financial statements are prepared in sterling which is the functional currency of the charity.

1. **Accounting policies**

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Financial Reporting Standard 102 ('FRS 102'). The presentation currency of these financial statements is sterling. In preparing the financial statements the charity follows best practice as laid down in the "Statement of Recommended Practice Accounting and Reporting by Charities" SORP 2019.

The accounting policies set out below have, unless otherwise stated, been applied consistently to all periods presented in these financial statements. The financial statements are prepared on the historical cost basis.

Judgements made by the trustees, in the application of these accounting policies that have significant effect on the financial statements and estimates with a significant risk of material adjustment in the next year are discussed below.

The trustees have reviewed the charity's financial position and considered the impact of future activities, to ensure it is appropriate to produce the accounts on a going concern basis.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2025 (CONTINUED)

1. Accounting policies (continued)

Income recognition

Income is accounted for at the point at which the charity earns the right to its consideration by its performance. All income is derived from activities carried out in the UK.
All income is included in the SOFA when the charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. The following specific policies apply to categories of income:

Donations are reported gross on a receivable basis.
Grants receivable income, where related to performance and specific deliverables, is accounted for as the charity earns the right to consideration by its performance. Where income is received in advance of performance, its recognition is deferred and included in creditors. Where entitlement occurs before income is received, the income is accrued.
Investment income is accounted for when receivable and includes the related tax recoverable.

Expenditure recognition

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to that category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.
Grants payable are charged in the year when the offer is conveyed to the recipient, except in cases where the offer is conditional, such grants being recognised as expenditure when the conditions are fulfilled.
Governance costs are the costs associated with the running of the charity, as opposed to the direct management functions inherent in generating funds, service delivery and programme or project work. These include such items as external audit, legal advice for trustees and costs associated with legal and statutory requirements.
Administration expenditure comprises all costs incurred in running the charity which cannot be directly allocated to the charity's projects or to fund raising.

Support cost allocation

Support costs, which include office functions such as general management, budgeting and accounting, information technology, human resources and financing, are allocated across the categories of charitable expenditure, governance costs and the costs of generating funds.

Heritage assets

Heritage assets are initially recognised at cost and carried at historical cost subject to any depreciation or impairment. Heritage assets that are donated are shown at valuation. Due to the nature of the heritage assets, (the Chitra Collection), which have indefinite lives and are therefore not depreciated. As a result, the heritage assets are reviewed at the reporting date for impairment.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2025 (CONTINUED)

1. Accounting policies (continued)

Investments

Listed investments are included in the financial statements at market value as at the year end and unlisted investments are included at cost. Gains and losses on investment asset disposals are taken to the accounts on which the investments are held as disclosed in the financial statements.

The charity accounts for its investments in associates at cost less impairment.

Basic financial instruments

Other debtors are recognised initially at transaction price less attributable transaction costs. Other creditors are recognised initially at transaction price plus attributable transaction costs. Subsequent to initial recognition they are measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less any impairment losses in the case of trade debtors. If the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, for example if payment is deferred beyond normal business terms, then it is measured at the present value of future payments discounted at a market rate of instrument for a similar debt instrument.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash balances and bank deposits.

Funds

Unrestricted funds represent the funds of the charity that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are available for application for the aims of the charity.

Restricted funds may be expended only on the specific object for which they were given. The charity had no restricted funds either in the current year nor in the previous year.

Foreign currencies

Assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated at the rate of exchange ruling at the balance sheet date. Transactions in foreign currencies are recorded at the average rate for the year.

2. Judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

The trustees do not consider there to be any estimates or judgements that are critical to the financial statements.

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2025 (CONTINUED)

3. **Incoming resources - donations**

	2025	2024
Donations from Newby Teas UK Limited	293,856	39,399
Donations from Trustee	-	22,820
	£293,856	£ 62,219

4. **Direct charitable expenditure**

	2025	2024
Museum of London	-	2,000,000
OCD Action	-	20,000
Help to Ukrainian Family	-	6,358
Refuge Donation	10,000	-
YOG Foundation	21,001	-
Grants less £5,000	6,128	2,442
	£ 37,129	£ 2,028,800

5. **Other expenditure/(income)**

	2025	2024
Independent auditor's report	6,160	5,070
Advertising	2,001	10,000
Financial charges and interest	277	88
Printing, postage and stationery	60	430
Legal and professional	1,636	6309
Subscription	100	-
Foreign exchange losses/(gains)	1,542	1,254
	£11,776	£ 23,151

6. **Average number of employees**

During the year, the Foundation had no employees (2024: nil).

7. Heritage assets

	At valuation	At cost	Total
	£	£	£
Carrying amount at 6 April 2024	2,271,867	7,546,058	9,817,925
Disposals	-	(20,399)	(20,399)
Carrying amount at 5 April 2025	2,271,867	7,525,659	9,797,526

The heritage assets comprise the Chitra Collection (see https://chitracollection.com/), a collection of over three thousand, historic, tea-related artefacts from all over the world.

The Chitra Collection's statement of purpose is to record and preserve tea cultures of the past, reflecting the importance of tea and the diversity of tea-drinking customs across the world, and to hold its collections in trust for the benefit of the public. It aims to document, explore, record and preserve the past and present histories and cultures of tea and to act as a tool in educating and presenting tea history by collecting exquisite, innovative and historically significant teawares.

By following our practices staff can ensure that the historic objects in the Collection are preserved and maintained for the use and enjoyment of present and future generations. It aims to ensure that all decisions concerning the collection will be made effectively, ensuring continuity of practice and regulation of procedures, following best practice standards and ethics, in line with the charity's purpose.

The Chitra Collection is committed to sustaining and improving its collection in accordance with its mission statement. The fundamental criteria for proposing an acquisition to the governing body of the Foundation are the following:

1. It is a positive addition to the collection and satisfies the mission statement;
2. of a high quality and meets the standards set by the existing collection;
3. has a secure provenance;
4. is in a sufficiently good condition;
5. can be acquired at a cost that is not in excess of its market value and are purchased from recognised auction houses such as Christies and Sotheby's Auction House.

7. **Heritage assets (continued)**

The Foundation will consider lending objects from across the collection to other notable museums and exhibitions subject to approval by the Board of Trustees. Presently the Collection is accessible by invitation only which is approved by the Board of Trustees. The Foundation has its own website showcasing some important items with their history and provenance for the public. The Board of Trustees will endeavour to open the doors of the Collection to the public at large in coming years.

Day to day management of the Collection is through a bespoke customised software which stores index of all the items, their pictures, location, history, price and provenance along with scans of other relevant documents.

The Foundation understands its ongoing role in preventative and interventive methods of conserving objects, with environmental conditions, Integrated Pest Management, maintenance and cleaning procedures in place, with all objects stored in custom made storage facilities which are airtight, lockable and have security, cctv and fire alarm systems.

The decision regarding deaccession and disposal of objects will be the formal decision of the Board of Trustees where objects do not meet the values of the collection's aims. Once it is agreed that objects will be deaccessioned from the main collection, an agreed method of deaccession will commence. The full guidelines for the Collection can be found in the Policy handbook.

Included in the collection as a donation is the Egoist teapot, designed by Mr Sethia the Chairman of the board of trustees, which was valued for insurance purposes at US$ 3 million by William Holbech, of David Morris the London Jeweller and external valuer, on 13 July 2016.

In the opinion of the trustees the value of the heritage assets is equal to or greater than the carrying value at the year end.

7. Heritage assets (continued)

Summary analysis of heritage asset transactions (all included in the statement of financial position)

	2025 (£)	2024 (£)	2023 (£)	2022 (£)	2021 (£)
Purchases at cost	-	-	250,076	291,072	-
Purchases at valuation	-	-	-	-	-
Donations at cost	-	22,820	-	-	-
Disposals	(20,399)	-	-	-	-
At valuation	-	-	-	-	-
Total (disposals)/additions	(20,399)	22,820	250,076	291,072	-

8. Investment

	Investment in a private company (£)
Cost at 6 April 2024	350,000
Addition of unlisted investment at cost	-
Cost at 5 April 2025	350,000

Had the investment in associate been accounted for using the equity method, its carrying value would have been £510,319 (2024: £510,319) rather than the historic cost of £350,000.

9. Debtors

	2025 (£)	2024 (£)
Other debtors	293,856	£39,399

10. **Creditors: amounts falling due within one year**

	2025	2024
Accruals	5,430	4,700
Grant commitments	500,000	500,000
Other creditors	941,486	571,862
	£1,446,916	£ 1,076,562

11. **Creditors: amounts falling due after one year**

	2025	2024
Grant commitments due greater than five years	£ 1,500,000	£ 2,000,000

12. **Related party transactions**

The trustees were not paid any remuneration or expenses during the year (2024: £nil).

Other creditors of £941,486 (2024: £571,862) relates to amounts due to Sethia London Limited.

Donations received for the year ended 31 March 2025 from related entities were as follows:

- Newby Teas (U.K.) Limited and Sethia London Limited £293,856 (2024: £39,399).

Additionally, a trustee donated £nil (2024: £22,280) worth of museum items to the charity.

The companies are related parties by virtue of the fact that; they are ultimately owned by both the Sethia Family and Sethia Family Trusts.

There are no additional related party transactions to report.

13. **Contingent liabilities**

At 5 April 2025 the charity had no contingent liabilities.

14. **Off balance sheet arrangements**

There are no material off-balance sheet arrangements to disclose.

15. **Events since the balance sheet date**

There are no events on which to report.

16. **Financial instruments**

The charity has no other financial instruments than basic financial instruments.

17. **Reconciliation of net income/(expenditure) to net cash flow from operating activities**

	2025	2024
Net income/(expenditure) for the reporting period (as per statement of the financial activities)	£ 263,552	£ (1,989,732)
Adjustments for:		
Gain on investments	£ (18,601)	£ -
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	£ (254,457)	£ 136,931
(Decrease)/increase in creditors	£ (129,646)	£ 1,881,925
Net cash (used in)/provided by operating activities	£ (139,152)	£ 29,124

N SETHIA FOUNDATION

England & Wales - Charity number 1049481

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N SETHIA FOUNDATION

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2024

Registered Charity Number: 1049481

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2024

TRUST Established by trust deed on 22 August 1995 and registered on 27 September 1995.

BANKERS Barclays Bank plc

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR

Boydell & Co
Statutory Auditor
Chartered Accountants
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N SETHIA FOUNDATION

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2024

The trustees present their report together with the annual financial statements for the year ended 5 April 2024. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in Note 1 to the accounts and comply with the charity's trust deed, the Charities Act 2011 and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) effective 1 January 2019.

Objectives and activities

The N Sethia Foundation ("the Trust") was established to express the charitable intentions of Mr Nirmal Kumar Sethia and his family. The income and the capital of the Trust is to be used exclusively for the benefit of charitable purposes at the discretion of the trustees.

The legally permitted objectives are wide and cover generally accepted charitable objects.

The main charitable activities funded by the Foundation are for medical research and U.K. heritage conservation.

The Foundation offers assistance and services without any discrimination of caste, creed, gender or religion. It also provides financial assistance to the unfortunate, serving them in all possible ways. The Foundation funds valuable medical research which will have a positive impact on people's health and well-being.

The trustees have referred to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit with due regard when reviewing the type of activities the Trust should undertake.

Achievements and performance

The main charitable activities funded by the Trust during the year were for the advancement of education. The list of grants provided during the year is included in note 4 to the financial statements. The Trust does not directly perform charitable activities.

The amount of donation received from Sethia London Limited and Newby Teas (UK) limited is expected to vary from year to year. During the year the Trust received £39,399 (2023: £176,330) from both companies. The Trust also received museum item worth £22,820 from Mr N K Sethia who is a trustee of the charity (2023: £nil).

Fund raising activities

The charity does not raise finance through fund raising activities. It's main source of donation receipts is under a deed of covenant with Sethia London Limited and Newby Teas (UK) Limited.

Financial review

The charity's financial activities are shown on page 10 of these financial statements. The trustees regard the state of affairs of the charity to be satisfactory. The trustees aims to maximise growth and income from the investments without taking undue risks.

Financial review (continued)
The net expenditure for the year was £1,989,732 (2023: £143,976- net income). Charitable activities amounted to £2,028,800 (2023: £66,933).

The fund balance as at year ended 5 April 2024 was £7,235,224 (2023: £9,224,956) and consisted primarily of heritage assets in the Chitra Collection (see https://nsethiafoundation.com/).

Structure, governace and management
The Trust was established by trust deed on 22 August 1995 and registered as a charity on 27 September 1995 under registration number 1049481.

The Trust does not invite donation from members of the general public. The Trust achieves its objectives mainly by making grants to other charitable institutions and deserving causes.

New trustees are appointed by the settlor of the Trust, Mr Nirmal Kumar Sethia, during his lifetime, and thereafter by unanimous approval of the trustees. On appointment of the new trustees, one of the existing trustees explains to the new trustee the decision-making process of the Trust and provides an overview of the administrative procedures employed by the Trust.

Plans for the future periods and going concern
The Trust has adequate funds to meet the Trust's commitments for the coming year. The trustees will seek similar long term projects that will accord with the objectives of the Foundation. The trustees continues to consider proposals for major projects mainly in the field of medicine and education.

Risks and principal uncertainties
The trustees have reviewed the charity's activities and they have considered the risks to which it is exposed and systems have been established to enable reports to be produced so that the necessary steps can be taken to lessen those risks. They are mindful that the main source of income is from Sethia London Limited and Newby Teas (UK) Limited.

Reserves policy
Given the fluctuation in donations received, the Trust's policy is to retain sufficient funds to meet it's grant commitments. The trustees recognise the need to maintain sufficient reserves to continue their operations. At the year end the Trust is holding £7.2m in reserves to cover its financial commitments of £2.5m.

The trustees have regular meetings to discuss and consider the status of the Trust's funding, reserves, risks, investments and grant making. The administration of grants and the processing and handling of applications is carried out by the employees of Sethia London Limited as the Trust has no paid staff.

The trustees throughout the year were as follows:

Mr Nirmal Kumar Sethia-Founding trustee
Ms Richa Sethia
Mr Amrao Jain
Mr Arun Bhattacharya
Lord Ara Darzi

Statement of responsibilities of the trustees of N Sethia Foundation in respect of the trustees annual report and the financial statements

The charity trustees are responsible for preparing a trustees' annual report and financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice). The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the charity trustees to prepare financial statements for each year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, of the charity for that period. In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the applicable Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

N SETHIA FOUNDATION

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES (CONTINUED)

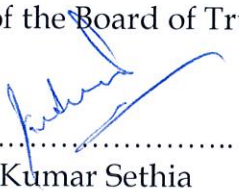
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Statement of responsibilities of the trustees of N Sethia Foundation in respect of the trustees annual report and the financial statements (continued)

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the applicable Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations, and the provisions of the Trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the charity and financial information included on the charity's website in accordance with legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees



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Mr Nirmal Kumar Sethia
Trustee

11 October 2024

N SETHIA FOUNDATION

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF N SETHIA FOUNDATION

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of N. Sethia Foundation ("the charity") for the year ended 5 April 2024, shown on pages 10 to 21, which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, Statement of Cashflows and related notes, including the accounting policies in note 1. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom accounting standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 *the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland* (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements,

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 5 April 2024 and of its incoming resources and applications of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice, including FRS 102 the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland;and
- have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing UK (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charitable company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to the audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the Financial Reporting Council's Ethical Standard - Provisions Available for Audits of Small Entities, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Going concern

We are required to report to you if we have concluded that the use of the going concern basis of accounting is inappropriate or there is an undisclosed material uncertainty that may cast significant doubt over the use of that basis for a period of at least twelve months from the date of approval of the financial statements. We have nothing to report in these respects.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF N SETHIA FOUNDATION

Other information
The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, other than the financial statements and our Report of the Independent Auditors thereon. The trustees are responsible for the other information. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether, based on our financial statements audit work, the information therein is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information we are required to report that fact.
We have nothing to report in this regard.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception
We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the information given in the trustees' report is inconsistent in any material respect with the financial statements; or
- sufficient accounting records have not been kept; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Trustees' responsibilities
As explained more fully in the Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities set out on page 4 and page 5, the trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditors' responsibilities
We have been appointed as auditor under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with the Act and relevant regulations made or having effect thereunder.

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF N SETHIA FOUNDATION

Auditors' responsibilities (continued)

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue our Report of the Independent Auditors that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our Report of the Independent Auditors.

Extent to which the audit was considered capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs (UK), we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. In addition, we:

• Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to
fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.

• Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the charitable company's internal controls.

• Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting
estimates and related disclosures made by management.

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF N SETHIA FOUNDATION

• Conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting
and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events
or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the charitable company to cease to continue as a going concern.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

Use of our report
This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Boydell & Co

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N SETHIA FOUNDATION

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2024

		Unrestricted funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
		£	£	£
Income and endowments from:				
Donations and grants	(3)	62,219	62,219	176,330
Total income		62,219	62,219	176,330
Expenditure on:				
Charitable activities	(4)	2,028,800	2,028,800	66,933
Other expenditure/(income)	(5)	23,151	23,151	(34,579)
Total expenditure		2,051,951	2,051,951	32,354
Net (expenditure)/income		(1,989,732)	(1,989,732)	143,976
Net movements in funds		(1,989,732)	(1,989,732)	143,976
Reconciliation of funds:				
Total funds brought forward		9,224,956	9,224,956	9,080,980
Total funds carried forward		7,235,224	7,235,224	9,224,956

The notes on pages 13 to 21 form an integral part of these financial statements.

N SETHIA FOUNDATION

BALANCE SHEET AT 5 APRIL 2024

			2024		2023
			£		£
Fixed assets					
Heritage assests	(7)		9,817,925		9,795,105
Investments	(8)		350,000		350,000
			10,167,925		10,145,105
Current assets					
Cash at bank and on deposit		104,462		98,158	
Debtors	(9)	39,399		176,330	
		143,861		274,488	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	(10)	(1,076,562)		(194,637)	
Net current (liabilities)/assets			(932,701)		79,851
Net assets less current liabilities			9,235,224		10,224,956
Creditors: amounts falling due after one year	(11)		(2,000,000)		(1,000,000)
Net assets			7,235,224		9,224,956
Funds					
Restricted	(1)		-		-
Unrestricted	(1)		7,235,224		9,224,956
Total funds	(1)		7,235,224		9,224,956

Approved by the Board of Trustees on 11 October 2024 and authorised for issue on its behalf by:

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Mr Nirmal Kumar Sethia
Trustee

The notes on pages 13 to 21 form an integral part of these financial statements.

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STATEMENT OF CASHFLOWS AT 5 APRIL 2024

	Notes	2024	2023
		£	£
Cash flows from operating activities			
Net cash provided by operating activities	17	29,124	123,255
Cash flows from investing activities			
Payments to acquire hertitage assets		(22,820)	(250,076)
Net cash used in investing activities		(22,820)	(250,076)
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the year		6,304	(126,821)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year		98,158	224,979
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year		104,462	98,158

The notes on pages 13 to 21 form an integral part of these financial statements.

N SETHIA FOUNDATION

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2024

Statutory information
N. Sethia Foundation is an unincorporated charity, domiciled in England and Wales, established by trust deed on 22 August 1995. The charity was registered with the Charities' Commission on 27 September 1995 and has the registered charity number 1049481. Accordingly, it should be exempt from tax in respect of its charitable activities, gains and investment income.

The registered office is N Sethia House, 105 St John Street, London, EC1M 4AS.

Statement of compliance
The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (as amended by SORP update bulletin 1 concerning the non disclosure of a cashflow statement) and the Charities Act 2011.

There were no material departures from the standard.

N. Sethia Foundation meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note(s).

The financial statements are prepared in sterling which is the functional currency of the charity.

1. **Accounting policies**

Basis of preparation
The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Financial Reporting Standard 102 ('FRS 102'). The presentation currency of these financial statements is sterling. In preparing the financial statements the charity follows best practice as laid down in the "Statement of Recommended Practice Accounting and Reporting by Charities" SORP 2019.

The accounting policies set out below have, unless otherwise stated, been applied consistently to all periods presented in these financial statements. The financial statements are prepared on the historical cost basis.

Judgements made by the trustees, in the application of these accounting policies that have significant effect on the financial statements and estimates with a significant risk of material adjustment in the next year are discussed below.

The trustees have reviewed the charity's financial position and considered the impact of future activities, to ensure it is appropriate to produce the accounts on a going concern basis.

N SETHIA FOUNDATION

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2024 (CONTINUED)

1. **Accounting policies (continued)**

Income recognition

Income is accounted for at the point at which the charity earns the right to its consideration by its performance. All income is derived from activities carried out in the UK.
All income is included in the SOFA when the charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. The following specific policies apply to categories of income:

Donations are reported gross on a receivable basis.
Grants receivable income, where related to performance and specific deliverables, is accounted for as the charity earns the right to consideration by its performance. Where income is received in advance of performance, its recognition is deferred and included in creditors. Where entitlement occurs before income is received, the income is accrued.
Investment income is accounted for when receivable and includes the related tax recoverable.

Expenditure recognition

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to that category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.
Grants payable are charged in the year when the offer is conveyed to the recipient, except in cases where the offer is conditional, such grants being recognised as expenditure when the conditions are fulfilled.
Governance costs are the costs associated with the running of the charity, as opposed to the direct management functions inherent in generating funds, service delivery and programme or project work. These include such items as external audit, legal advice for trustees and costs associated with legal and statutory requirements.
Administration expenditure comprises all costs incurred in running the charity which cannot be directly allocated to the charity's projects or to fund raising.

Support cost allocation

Support costs, which include office functions such as general management, budgeting and accounting, information technology, human resources and financing, are allocated across the categories of charitable expenditure, governance costs and the costs of generating funds.

Heritage assets

Heritage assets are initially recognised at cost and carried at historical cost subject to any depreciation or impairment. Heritage assets that are donated are shown at valuation. Due to the nature of the heritage assets, (the Chitra Collection), which have indefinite lives and are therefore not depreciated. As a result, the heritage assets are reviewed at the reporting date for impairment.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2024 (CONTINUED)

1. Accounting policies (continued)

Investments

Listed investments are included in the financial statements at market value as at the year end and unlisted investments are included at cost. Gains and losses on investment asset disposals are taken to the accounts on which the investments are held as disclosed in the financial statements.

The charity accounts for its investments in associates at cost less impairment.

Basic financial instruments

Other debtors are recognised initially at transaction price less attributable transaction costs. Other creditors are recognised initially at transaction price plus attributable transaction costs. Subsequent to initial recognition they are measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less any impairment losses in the case of trade debtors. If the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, for example if payment is deferred beyond normal business terms, then it is measured at the present value of future payments discounted at a market rate of instrument for a similar debt instrument.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash balances and bank deposits.

Funds

Unrestricted funds represent the funds of the charity that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are available for application for the aims of the charity.

Restricted funds may be expended only on the specific object for which they were given. The charity had no restricted funds either in the current year nor in the previous year.

Foreign currencies

Assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated at the rate of exchange ruling at the balance sheet date. Transactions in foreign currencies are recorded at the average rate for the year.

2. Judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

The trustees do not consider there to be any estimates or judgements that are critical to the financial statements.

N SETHIA FOUNDATION

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2024 (CONTINUED)

3. **Incoming resources - donations**

	2024	2023
Donations from Newby Teas UK Limited	39,399	176,330
Donations from Trustee	22,820	-
	£ 62,219	£ 176,330

4. **Direct charitable expenditure**

	2024	2023
Museum of London	2,000,000	-
OCD Action	20,000	-
Asian Media Group	-	5,000
Help to Ukrainian Family	6,358	11,908
Friends Of The National Libraries	-	39,766
St. Mary the Virgin Church	-	10,000
Grants less £5,000	2,442	259
	£ 2,028,800	£ 66,933

5. **Other expenditure/(income)**

	2024	2023
Independent auditor's report	5,070	7,099
Advertising	10,000	-
Financial charges and interest	88	69
Printing, postage and stationery	430	78
Legal and professional	6,309	-
Foreign exchange losses/(gains)	1,254	(41,825)
	£ 23,151	£ (34,579)

6. **Average number of employees**

During the year, the Foundation had no employees (2023: nil).

7. Heritage assets

	At valuation	At cost	Total
	£	£	£
Carrying amount at 6 April 2023	2,271,867	7,523,238	9,795,105
Additions	-	22,820	22,820
Carrying amount at 5 April 2024	2,271,867	7,546,058	9,817,925

The heritage assets comprise the Chitra Collection (see https://chitracollection.com/), a collection of over three thousand, historic, tea-related artefacts from all over the world.

The Chitra Collection's statement of purpose is to record and preserve tea cultures of the past, reflecting the importance of tea and the diversity of tea-drinking customs across the world, and to hold its collections in trust for the benefit of the public. It aims to document, explore, record and preserve the past and present histories and cultures of tea and to act as a tool in educating and presenting tea history by collecting exquisite, innovative and historically significant teawares.

By following our practices staff can ensure that the historic objects in the Collection are preserved and maintained for the use and enjoyment of present and future generations. It aims to ensure that all decisions concerning the collection will be made effectively, ensuring continuity of practice and regulation of procedures, following best practice standards and ethics, in line with the charity's purpose.

The Chitra Collection is committed to sustaining and improving its collection in accordance with its mission statement. The fundamental criteria for proposing an acquisition to the governing body of the Foundation are the following:

1. It is a positive addition to the collection and satisfies the mission statement;
2. of a high quality and meets the standards set by the existing collection;
3. has a secure provenance;
4. is in a sufficiently good condition;
5. can be acquired at a cost that is not in excess of its market value and are purchased from recognised auction houses such as Christies and Sotheby's Auction House.

7. **Heritage assets (continued)**

The Foundation will consider lending objects from across the collection to other notable museums and exhibitions subject to approval by the Board of Trustees. Presently the Collection is accessible by invitation only which is approved by the Board of Trustees. The Foundation has its own website showcasing some important items with their history and provenance for the public. The Board of Trustees will endeavour to open the doors of the Collection to the public at large in coming years.

Day to day management of the Collection is through a bespoke customised software which stores index of all the items, their pictures, location, history, price and provenance along with scans of other relevant documents.

The Foundation understands its ongoing role in preventative and interventive methods of conserving objects, with environmental conditions, Intergrated Pest Management, maintenance and cleaning procedures in place, with all objects stored in custom made storage facilities which are airtight, lockable and have security, cctv and fire alarm systems.

The decision regarding deaccession and disposal of objects will be the formal decision of the Board of Trustees where objects do not meet the values of the collection's aims. Once it is agreed that objects will be deaccessioned from the main collection, an agreed method of deaccession will commence. The full guidelines for the Collection can be found in the Policy handbook.

Included in the collection as a donation is the Egoist teapot, designed by Mr Sethia the Chairman of the board of trustees, which was valued for insurance purposes at US$ 3 million by William Holbech, of David Morris the London Jeweller and external valuer, on 13 July 2016.

In the opinion of the trustees the value of the heritage assets is equal to or greater than the carrying value at the year end.

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7. Heritage assets (continued)

Summary analysis of heritage asset transactions (all included in the statement of financial position)

	2024 (£)	2023 (£)	2022 (£)	2021 (£)	2020 (£)
Purchases at cost	-	250,076	291,072	-	1,167,689
Purchases at valuation	-	-	-	-	-
Donations at cost	22,820	-	-	-	-
Donations at valuation	-	-	-	-	-
At valuation	-	-	-	-	-
Total additions	22,820	250,076	291,072	-	1,167,689

8. Investment

	Investment in a private company (£)
Cost at 6 April 2023	350,000
Addition of unlisted investment at cost	-
Cost at 5 April 2024	350,000

Had the investment in associate been accounted for using the equity method, its carrying value would have been £510,319 (2023: £508,919) rather than the historic cost of £350,000.

9. Debtors

	2024 (£)	2023 (£)
Other debtors	39,399	£176,330

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10. **Creditors: amounts falling due within one year**

	2024	2023
Accruals	4,700	4,700
Grant commitments	500,000	-
Other creditors	571,862	189,937
	£1,076,562	£ 194,637

11. **Creditors: amounts falling due after one year**

	2024	2023
Grant commitments due greater than five years	£ 2,000,000	£ 1,000,000

12. **Related party transactions**

The trustees were not paid any remuneration or expenses during the year (2023: £nil).

Other creditors of £571,864 (2023: £189,937) relates to amounts due to Sethia London Limited.

Donations received for the year ended 31 March 2024 from related entities were as follows:

- Newby Teas (U.K.) Limited and Sethia London Limited £39,399 (2023: £176,330).

Additionally, the charity purchased tea-related investments of £nil (2023: £251,629) from Sethia London Limited and a trustee donated £22,820 (2023: £nil) worth of museum items to the charity.

The companies are related parties by virtue of the fact that they are ultimately owned by both the Sethia Family and Sethia Family Trusts.

There are no additional related party transactions to report.

13. **Contingent liabilities**

At 5 April 2024 the charity had no contingent liabilities.

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2024 (CONTINUED)

14. **Off balance sheet arrangements**

There are no material off-balance sheet arrangements to disclose.

15. **Events since the balance sheet date**

There are no events on which to report.

16. **Financial instruments**

The charity has no other financial instruments than basic financial instruments.

17. **Reconciliation of net income to net cash flow from operating activities**

	2024	2023
Net (expenditure)/ income for the reporting period (as per statement of the financial activities)	(1,989,732)	143,976
Adjustments for:		
Decrease/(increase) in debtors	136,931	(176,330)
Increase in creditors	1,881,925	155,609
Net cash provided by operating activities	29,124	123,255

N SETHIA FOUNDATION

England & Wales - Charity number 1049481

Accounts

N SETHIA FOUNDATION

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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Registered Charity Number: 1049481

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2023

TRUST	Established by trust deed on 22 August 1995 and registered on 27 September 1995.
BANKERS	Barclays Bank plc
INVESTMENT BANKERS	Barclays Bank (Suisse) SA
INDEPENDENT AUDITOR	Boydell & Co Statutory Auditor Chartered Accountants 146B Chiswick High Road London W4 1PU

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N SETHIA FOUNDATION

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2023

The trustees present their report together with the annual financial statements for the year ended 5 April 2023. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in Note 1 to the accounts and comply with the charity's trust deed, the Charities Act 2011 and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) effective 1 January 2019.

Objectives and activities

The N Sethia Foundation ("the Trust") was established to express the charitable intentions of Mr Nirmal Kumar Sethia and his family. The income and the capital of the Trust is to be used exclusively for the benefit of charitable purposes at the discretion of the trustees.

The legally permitted objectives are wide and cover generally accepted charitable objects.

The main charitable activities funded by the Foundation are for medical research and U.K. heritage conservation.

The Foundation offers assistance and services without any discrimination of caste, creed, gender or religion. It also provides financial assistance to the unfortunate, serving them in all possible ways. The Foundation funds valuable medical research which will have a positive impact on people's health and well-being.

The trustees have referred to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit with due regard when reviewing the type of activities the Trust should undertake.

Achievements and performance

The main charitable activities funded by the Trust during the year were for the advancement of education. The list of grants provided during the year is included in note 4 to the financial statements. The Trust does not directly perform charitable activities.

The amount of donation received from Sethia London Limited and Newby Teas (UK) limited is expected to vary from year to year. During the year the Trust received £177,884 (2022: £76,322) from both companies. The Trust also received museum item worth £1,553 from Mr N K Sethia who is a trustee of the charity (2022: £nil).

Fund raising activities

The charity does not raise finance through fund raising activities. It's main source of donation receipts is under a deed of covenant with Sethia London Limited and Newby Teas (UK) Limited.

Financial review

The charity's financial activities are shown on page 10 of these financial statements. The trustees regard the state of affairs of the charity to be satisfactory. The trustees aims to maximise growth and income from the investments without taking undue risks.

Financial review (continued)
The net expenditure for the year was £32,355 (2022: £18,941). Charitable activities amounted to £66,933 (2022: £23,600).

The fund balance as at year ended 5 April 2023 was £9,226,509 (2022: £9,080,980) and consisted primarily of heritage assets in the Chitra Collection (see https://nsethiafoundation.com/).

Structure, governace and management
The Trust was established by trust deed on 22 August 1995 and registered as a charity on 27 September 1995 under registration number 1049481.

The Trust does not invite donation from members of the general public. The Trust achieves its objectives mainly by making grants to other charitable institutions and deserving causes.

New trustees are appointed by the settlor of the Trust, Mr Nirmal Kumar Sethia, during his lifetime, and thereafter by unanimous approval of the trustees. On appointment of the new trustees, one of the existing trustees explains to the new trustee the decision-making process of the Trust and provides an overview of the administrative procedures employed by the Trust.

Plans for the future periods and going concern
The Trust has adequate funds to meet the Trust's commitments for the coming year. The trustees will seek similar long term projects that will accord with the objectives of the Foundation. The trustees continues to consider proposals for major projects mainly in the field of medicine and education.

Risks and principal uncertainties
The trustees have reviewed the charity's activities and they have considered the risks to which it is exposed and systems have been established to enable reports to be produced so that the necessary steps can be taken to lessen those risks. They are mindful that the main source of income is from Sethia London Limited and Newby Teas (UK) Limited.

Reserves policy
Given the fluctuation in donations received, the Trust's policy is to retain sufficient funds to meet it's grant commitments. The trustees recognise the need to maintain sufficient reserves to continue their operations. At the year ended 5 April 2023 the Trust is holding £9.2m in reserves to cover its financial commitments of £1.0m.

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2023

The trustees have regular meetings to discuss and consider the status of the Trust's funding, reserves, risks, investments and grant making. The administration of grants and the processing and handling of applications is carried out by the employees of Sethia London Limited as the Trust has no paid staff.

The trustees throughout the year were as follows:

Mr Nirmal Kumar Sethia
Ms Richa Sethia
Mr Amrao Jain
Mr Arun Bhattacharya
Lord Ara Darzi

Statement of responsibilities of the trustees of N Sethia Foundation in respect of the trustees annual report and the financial statements

The charity trustees are responsible for preparing a trustees' annual report and financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice). The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the charity trustees to prepare financial statements for each year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, of the charity for that period. In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the applicable Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2023

Statement of responsibilities of the trustees of N Sethia Foundation in respect of the trustees annual report and the financial statements (continued)

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the applicable Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations, and the provisions of the Trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the charity and financial information included on the charity's website in accordance with legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees

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Mr Nirmal Kumar Sethia
Trustee

8 January 2024

N SETHIA FOUNDATION

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF N SETHIA FOUNDATION

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of N. Sethia Foundation ("the charity") for the year ended 5 April 2023, shown on pages 10 to 21, which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, Statement of Cashflows and related notes, including the accounting policies in note 1. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom accounting standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 *the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland* (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements,

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 5 April 2023 and of its incoming resources and applications of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice, including FRS 102 the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland;and
- have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing UK (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charitable company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to the audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the Financial Reporting Council's Ethical Standard - Provisions Available for Audits of Small Entities, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Going concern

We are required to report to you if we have concluded that the use of the going concern basis of accounting is inappropriate or there is an undisclosed material uncertainty that may cast significant doubt over the use of that basis for a period of at least twelve months from the date of approval of the financial statements. We have nothing to report in these respects.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF N SETHIA FOUNDATION

Other information
The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, other than the financial statements and our Report of the Independent Auditors thereon. The trustees are responsible for the other information. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether, based on our financial statements audit work, the information therein is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information we are required to report that fact.
We have nothing to report in this regard.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception
We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the information given in the trustees' report is inconsistent in any material respect with the financial statements; or
- sufficient accounting records have not been kept; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Trustees' responsibilities
As explained more fully in the Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities set out on page 4 and page 5, the trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditors' responsibilities
We have been appointed as auditor under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with the Act and relevant regulations made or having effect thereunder.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF N SETHIA FOUNDATION

Auditors' responsibilities (continued)

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue our Report of the Independent Auditors that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our Report of the Independent Auditors.

Extent to which the audit was considered capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs (UK), we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. In addition, we:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.

- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the charitable company's internal controls.

- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.

- Conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the charitable company to cease to continue as a going concern.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF N SETHIA FOUNDATION

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

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Boydell & Co
Statutory Auditor
146B Chiswick High Road
London
W4 1PU

8 January 2024

N SETHIA FOUNDATION

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2023

		Unrestricted funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
Income and endowments from:				
Donations and grants	(3)	176,330	176,330	76,322
Total income		176,330	176,330	76,322
Expenditure on:				
Charitable activities	(4)	66,933	66,933	23,600
Other income	(5)	(34,579)	(34,579)	(4,659)
Total expenditure		32,354	32,354	18,941
Net income		143,976	143,976	57,381
Net movements in funds		143,976	143,976	57,381
Reconciliation of funds:				
Total funds brought forward		9,080,980	9,080,980	9,023,599
Total funds carried forward		£ 9,224,956	£ 9,224,956	£ 9,080,980

The notes on pages 13 to 21 form an integral part of these financial statements.

N SETHIA FOUNDATION

BALANCE SHEET AT 5 APRIL 2023

		2023		2022	
Fixed assets					
Heritage assests	(7)		9,795,105		9,545,029
Investments	(8)		350,000		350,000
			10,145,105		9,895,029
Current assets					
Cash at bank and on deposit		98,158		224,979	
Debtors	(9)	176,330		-	
		274,488		224,979	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	(10)	(194,637)		(39,028)	
Net current (liabilities)/assets			79,851		185,951
Net assets less current liabilities			10,224,956		10,080,980
Creditors: amounts falling due after one year	(11)		(1,000,000)		(1,000,000)
Net assets			£ 9,224,956		£9,080,980
Funds					
Restricted	(1)		-		-
Unrestricted	(1)		9,224,956		9,080,980
Total funds	(1)		9,224,956		£ 9,080,980

Approved by the Board of Trustees on 8 January 2024 and authorised for issue on its behalf by:

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Mr Nirmal Kumar Sethia
Trustee

The notes on pages 13 to 21 form an integral part of these financial statements.

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STATEMENT OF CASHFLOWS AT 5 APRIL 2023

	Notes	2023	2022
Cash flows from operating activities			
Net cash provided by operating activities	17	123,255	9,362
Cash flows from investing activities			
Payments to acquire hertitage assets		(250,076)	(291,072)
Net cash used in investing activities		£ (250,076)	(291,072)
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the year		(126,821)	(281,710)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year		224,979	506,689
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year		£ 98,158	£ 224,979

The notes on pages 13 to 21 form an integral part of these financial statements.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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Statutory information

N. Sethia Foundation is an unincorporated charity, domiciled in England and Wales, established by trust deed on 22 August 1995. The charity was registered with the Charities' Commission on 27 September 1995 and has the registered charity number 1049481. Accordingly, it should be exempt from tax in respect of its charitable activities, gains and investment income.

The registered office is N Sethia House, 105 St John Street, London, EC1M 4AS.

Statement of compliance

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019) – (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (as amended by SORP update bulletin 1 concerning the non disclosure of a cashflow statement) and the Charities Act 2011.

There were no material departures from the standard.

N. Sethia Foundation meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note(s).

The financial statements are prepared in sterling which is the functional currency of the charity.

1. **Accounting policies**

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Financial Reporting Standard 102 ('FRS 102'). The presentation currency of these financial statements is sterling. In preparing the financial statements the charity follows best practice as laid down in the "Statement of Recommended Practice Accounting and Reporting by Charities" SORP 2019.

The accounting policies set out below have, unless otherwise stated, been applied consistently to all periods presented in these financial statements. The financial statements are prepared on the historical cost basis.

Judgements made by the trustees, in the application of these accounting policies that have significant effect on the financial statements and estimates with a significant risk of material adjustment in the next year are discussed below.

The trustees have reviewed the charity's financial position and considered the impact of future activities, to ensure it is appropriate to produce the accounts on a going concern basis.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2023 (CONTINUED)

1. Accounting policies (continued)

Income recognition

Income is accounted for at the point at which the charity earns the right to its consideration by its performance. All income is derived from activities carried out in the UK.
All income is included in the SOFA when the charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. The following specific policies apply to categories of income:

Donations are reported gross on a receivable basis.
Grants receivable income, where related to performance and specific deliverables, is accounted for as the charity earns the right to consideration by its performance. Where income is received in advance of performance, its recognition is deferred and included in creditors. Where entitlement occurs before income is received, the income is accrued.
Investment income is accounted for when receivable and includes the related tax recoverable.

Expenditure recognition

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to that category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.
Grants payable are charged in the year when the offer is conveyed to the recipient, except in cases where the offer is conditional, such grants being recognised as expenditure when the conditions are fulfilled.
Governance costs are the costs associated with the running of the charity, as opposed to the direct management functions inherent in generating funds, service delivery and programme or project work. These include such items as external audit, legal advice for trustees and costs associated with legal and statutory requirements.
Administration expenditure comprises all costs incurred in running the charity which cannot be directly allocated to the charity's projects or to fund raising.

Support cost allocation

Support costs, which include office functions such as general management, budgeting and accounting, information technology, human resources and financing, are allocated across the categories of charitable expenditure, governance costs and the costs of generating funds.

Heritage assets

Heritage assets are initially recognised at cost and carried at historical cost subject to any depreciation or impairment. Heritage assets that are donated are shown at valuation. Due to the nature of the heritage assets, (the Chitra Collection), which have indefinite lives and are therefore not depreciated. As a result, the heritage assets are reviewed at the reporting date for impairment.

N SETHIA FOUNDATION

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2023 (CONTINUED)

1. Accounting policies (continued)

Investments

Listed investments are included in the financial statements at market value as at the year end and unlisted investments are included at cost. Gains and losses on investment asset disposals are taken to the accounts on which the investments are held as disclosed in the financial statements.

The charity accounts for its investments in associates at cost less impairment.

Basic financial instruments

Other debtors are recognised initially at transaction price less attributable transaction costs. Other creditors are recognised initially at transaction price plus attributable transaction costs. Subsequent to initial recognition they are measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less any impairment losses in the case of trade debtors. If the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, for example if payment is deferred beyond normal business terms, then it is measured at the present value of future payments discounted at a market rate of instrument for a similar debt instrument.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash balances and bank deposits.

Funds

Unrestricted funds represent the funds of the charity that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are available for application for the aims of the charity.

Restricted funds may be expended only on the specific object for which they were given. The charity had no restricted funds either in the current year nor in the previous year.

Foreign currencies

Assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated at the rate of exchange ruling at the balance sheet date. Transactions in foreign currencies are recorded at the average rate for the year.

2. Judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

The trustees do not consider there to be any estimates or judgements that are critical to the financial statements.

N SETHIA FOUNDATION

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2023 (CONTINUED)

3. Incoming resources - donations

	2023	2022
Donations from Newby Teas UK Limited	176,330	-
Donations from Sethia London Limited	-	76,322
	£ 176,330	£ 76,322

4. Direct charitable expenditure

	2023	2022
University of Edinburgh	-	23,600
Friends Of The National Libraries	39,766	-
Help to Ukrainian Family	11,908	-
St. Mary the Virgin Church	10,000	-
Asian Media Group	5,000	-
Grants less £5,000	259	-
	£ 66,933	£ 23,600

5. Other (income)/expenditure

	2023	2022
Independent auditor's report	7,099	4,230
Financial charges and interest	69	91
Printing, postage and stationery	78	24
Legal and professional	-	5,948
Foreign exchange (gains)/losses	(41,824)	(14,952)
	£ (34,578)	£ (4,659)

6. Average number of employees

During the year, the Foundation had no employees (2022: nil).

7. Heritage assets

	At valuation	At cost	Total
Carrying amount at 6 April 2022	2,271,867	7,273,162	9,545,029
Additions	-	250,076	250,076
Carrying amount at 5 April 2023	£ 2,271,867	£ 7,523,238	£ 9,795,105

The heritage assets comprise the Chitra Collection (see https://chitracollection.com/), a collection of over three thousand, historic, tea-related artefacts from all over the world.

The Chitra Collection's statement of purpose is to record and preserve tea cultures of the past, reflecting the importance of tea and the diversity of tea-drinking customs across the world, and to hold its collections in trust for the benefit of the public. It aims to document, explore, record and preserve the past and present histories and cultures of tea and to act as a tool in educating and presenting tea history by collecting exquisite, innovative and historically significant teawares.

By following our practices staff can ensure that the historic objects in the Collection are preserved and maintained for the use and enjoyment of present and future generations. It aims to ensure that all decisions concerning the collection will be made effectively, ensuring continuity of practice and regulation of procedures, following best practice standards and ethics, in line with the charity's purpose.

The Chitra Collection is committed to sustaining and improving its collection in accordance with its mission statement. The fundamental criteria for proposing an acquisition to the governing body of the Foundation are the following:

1. It is a positive addition to the collection and satisfies the mission statement;
2. of a high quality and meets the standards set by the existing collection;
3. has a secure provenance;
4. is in a sufficiently good condition;
5. can be acquired at a cost that is not in excess of its market value and are purchased from recognised auction houses such as Christies and Sotheby's Auction House.

7. Heritage assets (continued)

The Foundation will consider lending objects from across the collection to other notable museums and exhibitions subject to approval by the Board of Trustees. Presently the Collection is accessible by invitation only which is approved by the Board of Trustees. The Foundation has its own website showcasing some important items with their history and provenance for the public. The Board of Trustees will endeavour to open the doors of the Collection to the public at large in coming years.

Day to day management of the collection is through a bespoke customised software which stores index of all the items, their pictures, location, history, price and provenance along with scans of other relevant documents.

The Foundation understands its ongoing role in preventative and interventive methods of conserving objects, with environmental conditions, Intergrated Pest Management, maintenance and cleaning procedures in place, with all objects stored in custom made storage facilities which are airtight, lockable and have security, cctv and fire alarm systems.

The decision regarding deaccession and disposal of objects will be the formal decision of the Board of Trustees where objects do not meet the values of the collection's aims. Once it is agreed that objects will be deaccessioned from the main collection, an agreed method of deaccession will commence. The full guidelines for the Collection can be found in the Policy handbook.

Included in the collection as a donation is the Egoist teapot, designed by Mr Sethia the Chairman of the board of trustees, which was valued for insurance purposes at US$ 3 million by William Holbech, of David Morris the London Jeweller and external valuer, on 13 July 2016.

In the opinion of the trustees the value of the heritage assets is equal to the carrying value at the year end.

7. Heritage assets (continued)

Summary analysis of heritage asset transactions (all included in the statement of financial position)

	2023 (£)	2022 (£)	2021 (£)	2020 (£)	2019 (£)
Purchases at cost	250,076	291,072	-	1,167,689	390,953
Purchases at valuation	-	-	-	-	-
Donations at cost	-	-	-	-	-
Donations at valuation	-	-	-	-	-
At valuation	-	-	-	-	-
Total additions	250,076	291,072	-	1,167,6890	390,953

8. Investment

	Investment in a private company (£)
Cost at 6 April 2022	350,000
Addition of unlisted investment at cost	-
Cost at 5 April 2023	350,000

Had the investment in associate been accounted for using the equity method, its carrying value would have been £508,919 (2022: £494,246) rather than the current cost of £350,000.

9. Debtors

	2023 (£)	2022 (£)
Other debtors	£176,330	-

10. **Creditors: amounts falling due within one year**

	2023	2022
Accruals	4,700	2,371
Other creditors	189,937	36,657
	£194,637	£39,028

11. **Creditors: amounts falling due after one year**

	2023	2022
Grant commitments due greater than five years	£1,000,000	£1,000,000

12. **Related party transactions**

The trustees were not paid any remuneration or expenses during the year (2022: £nil).

Other creditors of £189,937 (2022: £36,657) relates to amounts due to Sethia London Limited.

Donations received for the year ended 31 March 2023 from related entities were as follows:

- Newby Teas (U.K.) Limited and Sethia London Limited £176,330 (2022: £76,322).

Additionally, the charity purchased £251,629 (2022: £291,072) of tea-related investments from Sethia London Limited.

The companies are related parties by virtue of the fact that they are ultimately owned by both the Sethia Family and Sethia Family Trusts.

There are no additional related party transactions to report.

13. **Contingent liabilities**

At 5 April 2023 the charity had no contingent liabilities.

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14. **Off balance sheet arrangements**

There are no material off-balance sheet arrangements to disclose.

15. **Events since the balance sheet date**

There are no events on which to report.

16. **Financial instruments**

The charity has no other financial instruments than basic financial instruments.

17. **Reconciliation of net income to net cash flow from operating activities**

	2023	2022
Net income for the reporting period (as per statement of the financial activities)	143,976	57,381
Adjustments for:		
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	(176,330)	-
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	155,609	(48,019)
Net cash provided by operating activities	123,255	9,362

N SETHIA FOUNDATION

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Accounts

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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Registered Charity Number: 1049481

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2022

TRUST	Established by trust deed on 22 August 1995 and registered on 27 September 1995.
BANKERS	Barclays Bank plc
INVESTMENT BANKERS	Barclays Bank (Suisse) SA
INDEPENDENT AUDITOR	Boydell & Co Statutory Auditor Chartered Accountants 146B Chiswick High Road London W4 1PU

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2022

The trustees present their report together with the annual financial statements for the year ended 5 April 2022. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in Note 1 to the accounts and comply with the charity's trust deed, the Charities Act 2011 and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) effective 1 January 2019.

Objectives and activities

The N Sethia Foundation ("the Trust") was established to express the charitable intentions of Mr Nirmal Kumar Sethia and his family. The income and the capital of the Trust is to be used exclusively for the benefit of charitable purposes at the discretion of the trustees.

The legally permitted objectives are wide and cover generally accepted charitable objects.

The main charitable activities funded by the Foundation are for medical research and U.K. heritage conservation.

The Foundation offers assistance and services without any discrimination of caste, creed, gender or religion. It also provides financial assistance to the unfortunate, serving them in all possible ways. The Foundation funds valuable medical research which will have a positive impact on people's health and well-being.

The trustees have referred to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit with due regard when reviewing the type of activities the Trust should undertake.

Achievements and performance

The main charitable activities funded by the Trust during the year were for the advancement of education. The list of grants provided during the year is included in note 4 to the financial statements. The Trust does not directly perform charitable activities.

The amount of donation received from Sethia London Limited and Newby Teas (UK) limited is expected to vary from year to year. During the year the Trust received £76,322 from both companies (2021: £487,213).

Fund raising activities

The charity does not raise finance through fund raising activities. It's main source of donation receipts is under a deed of covenant with Sethia London Limited and Newby Teas (UK) Limited.

Financial review

The charity's financial activities are shown on page 10 of these financial statements. The trustees regard the state of affairs of the charity to be satisfactory. The trustees aims to maximise growth and income from the investments without taking undue risks.

Financial review (continued)
The net expenditure for the year was £18,941 (2021: £144,157). Charitable activities amounted to £23,600 (2021 : £109,506).

The fund balance as at year ended 5 April 2022 was £9,080,980 (2021: £9,023,599) and consisted primarily of heritage assets in the Chitra Collection (see https://nsethiafoundation.com/).

Structure, governace and management
The Trust was established by trust deed on 22 August 1995 and registered as a charity on 27 September 1995 under registration number 1049481.

The Trust does not invite donation from members of the general public. The Trust achieves its objectives mainly by making grants to other charitable institutions and deserving causes.

New trustees are appointed by the settlor of the Trust, Mr Nirmal Kumar Sethia, during his lifetime, and thereafter by unanimous approval of the trustees. On appointment of the new trustees, one of the existing trustees explains to the new trustee the decision-making process of the Trust and provides an overview of the administrative procedures employed by the Trust.

Plans for the future periods and going concern
The Trust has adequate funds to meet the Trust's commitments for the coming year. The trustees will seek similar long term projects that will accord with the objectives of the Foundation. The trustees continues to consider proposals for major projects mainly in the field of medicine and education.

Risks and principal uncertainties
The trustees have reviewed the charity's activities and they have considered the risks to which it is exposed and systems have been established to enable reports to be produced so that the necessary steps can be taken to lessen those risks. They are mindful that the main source of income is from Sethia London Limited and Newby Teas (UK) Limited.

The trustees have reviewed the charity's position in relation to the COVID-2019 pandemic and believe that the charity is well positioned to weather the current uncertainty with a strong funding and liquidity position.The trustees are aware of this risks and have adopted prudent policy during 2022 with their donation policy.

Reserves policy
Given the fluctuation in donations received, the Trust's policy is to retain sufficient funds to meet it's grant commitments. The trustees recognise the need to maintain sufficient reserves to continue their operations. At the year ended 5 April 2022 the Trust is holding £9.0m in reserves to cover its financial commitments of £1.0m. Given the current Covid pandemic the Trustees applied as much as was prudent of the Trust's funds in relation to the objectives of the Charity.

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2022

The trustees have regular meetings to discuss and consider the status of the Trust's funding, reserves, risks, investments and grant making. The administration of grants and the processing and handling of applications is carried out by the employees of Sethia London Limited as the Trust has no paid staff.

The trustees throughout the year were as follows:

Mr Nirmal Kumar Sethia
Ms Richa Sethia
Mr Amrao Jain
Mr Arun Bhattacharya
Lord Ara Darzi

Statement of responsibilities of the trustees of N Sethia Foundation in respect of the trustees annual report and the financial statements

The charity trustees are responsible for preparing a trustees' annual report and financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice). The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the charity trustees to prepare financial statements for each year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, of the charity for that period. In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the applicable Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2022

Statement of responsibilities of the trustees of N Sethia Foundation in respect of the trustees annual report and the financial statements (continued)

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the applicable Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations, and the provisions of the Trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the charity and financial information included on the charity's website in accordance with legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees

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Mr Nirmal Kumar Sethia
Trustee

7 July 2022

N SETHIA FOUNDATION

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF N SETHIA FOUNDATION

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of N. Sethia Foundation ("the charity") for the year ended 5 April 2022, shown on pages 10 to 21, which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, Statement of Cashflows and related notes, including the accounting policies in note 1. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom accounting standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 *the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland* (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements,

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 5 April 2022 and of its incoming resources and applications of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice, including FRS 102 the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland;and
- have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing UK (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charitable company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to the audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the Financial Reporting Council's Ethical Standard - Provisions Available for Audits of Small Entities, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Going concern

We are required to report to you if we have concluded that the use of the going concern basis of accounting is inappropriate or there is an undisclosed material uncertainty that may cast significant doubt over the use of that basis for a period of at least twelve months from the date of approval of the financial statements. We have nothing to report in these respects.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF N SETHIA FOUNDATION

Other information
The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, other than the financial statements and our Report of the Independent Auditors thereon. The trustees are responsible for the other information. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether, based on our financial statements audit work, the information therein is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information we are required to report that fact.
We have nothing to report in this regard.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception
We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the information given in the trustees' report is inconsistent in any material respect with the financial statements; or
- sufficient accounting records have not been kept; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Trustees' responsibilities
As explained more fully in the Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities set out on page 4 and page 5, the trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditors' responsibilities
We have been appointed as auditor under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with the Act and relevant regulations made or having effect thereunder.

Auditors' responsibilities (continued)

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue our Report of the Independent Auditors that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our Report of the Independent Auditors.

Extent to which the audit was considered capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs (UK), we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. In addition, we:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.

- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the charitable company's internal controls.

- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.

- Conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the charitable company to cease to continue as a going concern.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF N SETHIA FOUNDATION

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Boydell & Co

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Boydell & Co
Statutory Auditor
146B Chiswick High Road
London
W4 1PU

7 July 2022

N SETHIA FOUNDATION

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2022

		Unrestricted funds	Total 2022	Total 2021
Income and endowments from:				
Donations and grants	(3)	76,322	76,322	487,213
Total income		76,322	76,322	487,213
Expenditure on:				
Charitable activities	(4)	23,600	23,600	109,506
Other (income)/expenditure	(5)	(4,659)	(4,659)	34,651
Total expenditure		18,941	18,941	144,157
Net income		57,381	57,381	343,056
Net movements in funds		57,381	57,381	343,056
Reconciliation of funds:				
Total funds brought forward		9,023,599	9,023,599	8,680,543
Total funds carried forward		£ 9,080,980	£ 9,080,980	£ 9,023,599

The notes on pages 13 to 21 form an integral part of these financial statements.

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BALANCE SHEET AT 5 APRIL 2022

		2022		2021	
Fixed assets					
Heritage assests	(7)	9,545,029		-	
Investments	(8)	350,000		9,603,957	
		9,895,029		9,603,957	
Current assets					
Cash at bank and on deposit	(17)	224,979		506,689	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	(9)	(39,028)		(87,047)	
Net current (liabilities)/assets			185,951		419,642
Net assets less current liabilities			10,080,980		10,023,599
Creditors: amounts falling due after one year	(10)		(1,000,000)		(1,000,000)
Net assets			£ 9,080,980		£9,023,599
Funds					
Restricted	(1)		-		-
Unrestricted	(1)		9,080,980		9,023,599
Total funds	(1)		9,080,980		£ 9,023,599

Approved by the Board of Trustees on 7 July 2022 and authorised for issue on its behalf by:

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Mr Nirmal Kumar Sethia
Trustee

The notes on pages 13 to 21 form an integral part of these financial statements.

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STATEMENT OF CASHFLOWS AT 5 APRIL 2022

	Notes	2022	2021
Cash flows from operating activities			
Net cash provided by operating activities	16	9,362	187,732
Cash flows from investing activities			
Payments to acquire heritage assets		(291,072)	-
Net cash used in investing activities		£ (291,072)	-
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the year		(281,710)	187,732
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year		506,689	318,957
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	17	£ 224,979	£ 506,689

The notes on pages 13 to 21 form an integral part of these financial statements.

N SETHIA FOUNDATION

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2022

Statutory information

N. Sethia Foundation is an unincorporated charity, domiciled in England and Wales, established by trust deed on 22 August 1995. The charity was registered with the Charities' Commission on 27 September 1995 and has the registered charity number 1049481. Accordingly, it should be exempt from tax in respect of its charitable activities, gains and investment income.

The registered office is N Sethia House, 105 St John Street, London, EC1M 4AS.

Statement of compliance

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019) – (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (as amended by SORP update bulletin 1 concerning the non disclosure of a cashflow statement) and the Charities Act 2011.

There were no material departures from the standard.

N. Sethia Foundation meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note(s).

The financial statements are prepared in sterling which is the functional currency of the charity.

1. **Accounting policies**

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Financial Reporting Standard 102 ('FRS 102'). The presentation currency of these financial statements is sterling. In preparing the financial statements the charity follows best practice as laid down in the "Statement of Recommended Practice Accounting and Reporting by Charities" SORP 2019.

The accounting policies set out below have, unless otherwise stated, been applied consistently to all periods presented in these financial statements. The financial statements are prepared on the historical cost basis.

Judgements made by the trustees, in the application of these accounting policies that have significant effect on the financial statements and estimates with a significant risk of material adjustment in the next year are discussed below.

The trustees have reviewed the charity's financial position and considered the impact of future activities, to ensure it is appropriate to produce the accounts on a going concern basis.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2022 (CONTINUED)

1. **Accounting policies (continued)**

Income recognition

Income is accounted for at the point at which the charity earns the right to its consideration by its performance. All income is derived from activities carried out in the UK.
All income is included in the SOFA when the charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. The following specific policies apply to categories of income:

Donations are reported gross on a receivable basis.
Grants receivable income, where related to performance and specific deliverables, is accounted for as the charity earns the right to consideration by its performance. Where income is received in advance of performance, its recognition is deferred and included in creditors. Where entitlement occurs before income is received, the income is accrued.
Investment income is accounted for when receivable and includes the related tax recoverable.

Expenditure recognition

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to that category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.
Grants payable are charged in the year when the offer is conveyed to the recipient, except in cases where the offer is conditional, such grants being recognised as expenditure when the conditions are fulfilled.
Governance costs are the costs associated with the running of the charity, as opposed to the direct management functions inherent in generating funds, service delivery and programme or project work. These include such items as external audit, legal advice for trustees and costs associated with legal and statutory requirements.
Administration expenditure comprises all costs incurred in running the charity which cannot be directly allocated to the charity's projects or to fund raising.

Support cost allocation

Support costs, which include office functions such as general management, budgeting and accounting, information technology, human resources and financing, are allocated across the categories of charitable expenditure, governance costs and the costs of generating funds.

Heritage assets

Heritage assets are initially recognised at cost and carried at historical cost subject to any depreciation or impairment. Heritage assets that are donated are shown at valuation. Due to the nature of the heritage assets, (the Chitra Collection), which have indefinite lives and are therefore not depreciated. As a result, the heritage assets are reviewed at the reporting date for impairment.

1. Accounting policies (continued)

Investments

Listed investments are included in the financial statements at market value as at the year end and unlisted investments are included at cost. Gains and losses on investment asset disposals are taken to the accounts on which the investments are held as disclosed in the financial statements.

The charity accounts for its investments in associates at cost less impairment.

Basic financial instruments

Other debtors are recognised initially at transaction price less attributable transaction costs. Other creditors are recognised initially at transaction price plus attributable transaction costs. Subsequent to initial recognition they are measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less any impairment losses in the case of trade debtors. If the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, for example if payment is deferred beyond normal business terms, then it is measured at the present value of future payments discounted at a market rate of instrument for a similar debt instrument.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash balances and bank deposits.

Funds

Unrestricted funds represent the funds of the charity that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are available for application for the aims of the charity.

Restricted funds may be expended only on the specific object for which they were given. The charity had no restricted funds either in the current year nor in the previous year.

Foreign currencies

Assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated at the rate of exchange ruling at the balance sheet date. Transactions in foreign currencies are recorded at the average rate for the year.

2. Judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

The trustees do not consider there to be any estimates or judgements that are critical to the financial statements.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2022 (CONTINUED)

3. Incoming resources - donations	2022	2021
Donations from related entities	£ 76,322	£ 487,213

4. Direct charitable expenditure	2022	2021
University of Edinburgh	23,600	-
Imperial college London	-	50,000
The PCC Of the Charltons-St Mary the virgin Church	-	27,000
Aurora Humanatarian Aid	-	15,234
NHS Support during Covid-19	-	10,651
Mercy and Health	-	5,621
Urology Cancer Research and Education	-	1,000
	£ 23,600	£ 109,506

5. Other (income)/expenditure	2022	2021
Independent auditor's report	4,230	3,676
Financial charges and interest	91	55
Printing, postage and stationery	24	150
Legal and professional	5,948	-
Foreign exchange (gains)/losses	(14,952)	30,770
	£ (4,659)	£ 34,651

6. Average number of employees

During the year, the Foundation had no employees (2021: nil).

7. Heritage assets

	At valuation	At cost	Total
Carrying amount at 6 April 2021	-	-	-
Transfer from investments	2,271,867	7,273,162	9,545,029
Carrying amount at 5 April 2022	£ 2,271,867	£ 7,273,162	£ 9,545,029

The heritage assets comprise the Chitra Collection (see https://chitracollection.com/), a collection of over three thousand, historic, tea-related artefacts from all over the world.

The Chitra Collection's statement of purpose is to record and preserve tea cultures of the past, reflecting the importance of tea and the diversity of tea-drinking customs across the world, and to hold its collections in trust for the benefit of the public. It aims to document, explore, record and preserve the past and present histories and cultures of tea and to act as a tool in educating and presenting tea history by collecting exquisite, innovative and historically significant teawares.

By following our practices staff can ensure that the historic objects in the Collection are preserved and maintained for the use and enjoyment of present and future generations. It aims to ensure that all decisions concerning the collection will be made effectively, ensuring continuity of practice and regulation of procedures, following best practice standards and ethics, in line with the charity's purpose.

The Chitra Collection is committed to sustaining and improving its collection in accordance with its mission statement. The fundamental criteria for proposing an acquisition to the governing body of the Foundation are the following:

1. It is a positive addition to the collection and satisfies the mission statement;
2. of a high quality and meets the standards set by the existing collection;
3. has a secure provenance;
4. is in a sufficiently good condition;
5. can be acquired at a cost that is not in excess of its market value and are purchased from recognised auction houses such as Christies and Sotheby's Auction House.

7. Heritage assets (continued)

The Foundation will consider lending objects from across the collection to other notable museums and exhibitions subject to approval by the Board of Trustees. Presently the Collection is accessible by invitation only which is approved by the Board of Trustees. The Foundation has its own website showcasing some important items with their history and provenance for the public. The Board of Trustees endeavour to open the doors of the Collection to the public at large in coming years.

Day to day management of the collection is through a bespoke customised software which stores index of all the items, their pictures, location, history, price and provenance along with scans of other relevant documents.

The Foundation understands its ongoing role in preventative and interventive methods of conserving objects, with environmental conditions, Intergrated Pest Management, maintenance and cleaning procedures in place, with all objects stored in custom made storage facilities which are airtight, lockable and have security, cctv and fire alarm systems.

The decision regarding deaccession and disposal of objects will be the formal decision of the Board of Trustees where objects do not meet the values of the collection's aims. Once it is agreed that objects will be deaccessioned from the main collection, an agreed method of deaccession will commence. The full guidelines for the Collection can be found in the Policy handbook.

Included in the collection as a donation is the Egoist teapot, designed by Mr Sethia the Chairman of the board of trustees, which was valued for insurance purposes at US$ 3 million by William Holbech, of David Morris the London Jeweller and external valuer, on 13 July 2016.

In the opinion of the trustees the market value of the heritage assets is at least equal to the carrying value of £9,545,029 (2021: £9,253,957) at year end.

7. Heritage assets (continued)

Summary analysis of heritage asset transactions (all included in the statement of financial position)

	2022 (£)	2021 (£)	2020 (£)	2019 (£)	2018 (£)
Purchases at cost	291,072	-	1,167,689	390,953	-
Purchases at valuation	-	-	-	-	-
Donations at cost	-	-	-	-	-
Donations at valuation	-	-	-	-	2,271,867
At valuation	-	-	-	-	-
Total additions	291,072	-	1,167,6890	390,953	2,271,867

8. Investments

	Investment in a Private company	Other Investments	Total
Cost at 6 April 2021	350,000	9,253,957	9,603,957
Addition of unlisted investment at cost	-	291,072	291,072
Transfer to heritage assets	(-)	(9,545,029)	(9,545,029)
Cost at 5 April 2022	£ 350,000	£ -	£ 350,000

Had the investment in associate been accounted for using the equity method, its carrying value would have been £494,246 (2021: £422,958) rather than the current cost of £350,000.

9. **Creditors: amounts falling due within one year**

	2022	2021
Accruals	2,371	2,371
Other creditors	36,657	24,676
Grant commitments	-	60,000
	£39,028	£87,047

10. **Creditors: amounts falling due after one year**

	2022	2021
Grant commitments due greater than five years	£ 1,000,000	£ 1,000,000

11. **Related party transactions**

The trustees were not paid any remuneration or expenses during the year (2021: £nil).

Other creditors of £36,657 relates to amounts due to Sethia London Limited.

Donations received for the year ended 31 March 2022 from related entities were as follows:

Sethia London Limited: £76,322 (2021: £487,213).

Additionally, the charity purchased £291,072 of tea-related investments from Sethia London Limited (2021: £nil) and £nil of tea from Newby Teas (UK) Limited (2021: £10,651).

The companies are related parties by virtue of the fact that they are ultimately owned by both the Sethia Family and Sethia Family Trusts.

There are no additional related party transactions to report.

12. **Contingent liabilities**

At 5 April 2022 the charity had no contingent liabilities.

13. **Off balance sheet arrangements**

There are no material off-balance sheet arrangements to disclose.

14. **Events since the balance sheet date**

There are no events on which to report.

15. **Financial instruments**

The charity has no other financial instruments than basic financial instruments.

16. **Reconciliation of net income/(expenditure) to net cash flow from operating activities**

	2022	2021
Net income for the reporting period (as per statement of the financial activities)	57,381	343,056
Adjustments for:		
(Decrease) in creditors	(48,019)	(155,324)
Net cash provided by operating activities	9,362	187,732

17. **Analysis of cash and cash equivalents**

	2022	2021
	£	£
Cash at bank	224,979	506,689
Total cash equivalents	224,979	506,689

N SETHIA FOUNDATION

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Registered Charity Number: 1049481

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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TRUST	Established by trust deed on 22 August 1995 and registered on 27 September 1995.
BANKERS	Barclays Bank plc
INVESTMENT BANKERS	Barclays Bank (Suisse) SA
INDEPENDENT AUDITOR	Boydell & Co Statutory Auditor Chartered Accountants 146B Chiswick High Road London W4 1PU

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N SETHIA FOUNDATION

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2021

The trustees present their report together with the annual financial statements for the year ended 5 April 2021. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in Note 1 to the accounts and comply with the charity's trust deed, the Charities Act 2011 and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) effective 1 January 2019.

Objectives and activities

The N Sethia Foundation ("the Trust") was established to express the charitable intentions of Mr Nirmal Kumar Sethia and his family. The income and the capital of the Trust is to be used exclusively for the benefit of charitable purposes at the discretion of the trustees.

The legally permitted objectives are wide and cover generally accepted charitable objects.

The main charitable activities funded by the Foundation are for medical research and U.K. heritage conservation.

The Foundation offers assistance and services without any discrimination of caste, creed, gender or religion. It also provides financial assistance to the unfortunate, serving them in all possible ways. The Foundation funds valuable medical research which will have a positive impact on people's health and well-being.

The trustees have referred to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit with due regard when reviewing the type of activities the Trust should undertake.

Achievements and performance

The main charitable activities funded by the Trust during the year were for the advancement of education. The list of grants provided during the year is included in note 4 to the financial statements. The Trust does not directly perform charitable activities.

The amount of donation received from Sethia London Limited and Newby Teas (UK) limited is expected to vary from year to year. During the year the Trust received £487,213 from Sethia London Limited.

Fund raising activities

The charity does not raise finance through fund raising activities. It's main source of donation receipts is under a deed of covenant with Sethia London Limited and Newby Teas (UK) Limited.

Financial review

The charity's financial activities are shown on page 10 of these financial statements. The trustees regard the state of affairs of the charity to be satisfactory. The trustees aims to maximise growth and income from the investments without taking undue risks.

Financial review (continued)
The net movement of total funds for the year was £343,056 (2020: £691,738). Charitable activities amounted to £109,506 (2020 : £8,172).

The fund balance as at year ended 5 April 2021 was £9,023,599 (2020: £8,680,543) and consisted primarily of investments in the Chitra Collection (see https://nsethiafoundation.com/).

Structure, governace and management
The Trust was established by trust deed on 22 August 1995 and registered as a charity on 27 September 1995 under registration number 1049481.

The Trust does not invite donation from members of the general public. The Trust achieves its objectives mainly by making grants to other charitable institutions and deserving causes.

New trustees are appointed by the settlor of the Trust, Mr Nirmal Kumar Sethia, during his lifetime, and thereafter by unanimous approval of the trustees. On appointment of the new trustees, one of the existing trustees explains to the new trustee the decision-making process of the Trust and provides an overview of the administrative procedures employed by the Trust.

Plans for the future periods and going concern
The Trust has adequate funds to meet the Trust's commitments for the coming year. The trustees will seek similar long term projects that will accord with the objectives of the Foundation. The trustees continues to consider proposals for major projects mainly in the field of medicine and education.

Risks and principal uncertainties
The trustees have reviewed the charity's activities and they have considered the risks to which it is exposed and systems have been established to enable reports to be produced so that the necessary steps can be taken to lessen those risks. They are mindful that the main source of income is from Sethia London Limited and Newby Teas (UK) Limited (See note 10).

The trustees have reviewed the charity's position in relation to the COVID-2019 pandemic and believe that the charity is well positioned to weather the current uncertainty with a strong funding and liquidity position.The trustees are aware of this risks and have adopted prudent policy during 2021 with their donation policy.

Reserves policy
Given the fluctuation in donations received, the Trust's policy is to retain sufficient funds to meet it's grant commitments. The trustees recognise the need to maintain sufficient reserves to continue their operations. At the year ended 5 April 2021 the Trust is holding £9.02m in reserves to cover its financial commitments of £1.09m. Given the current Covid pandemic the Trustees applied as much as was prudent of the Trust's funds in relation to the objectives of the Charity.

The trustees have regular meetings to discuss and consider the status of the Trust's funding, reserves, risks, investments and grant making. The administration of grants and the processing and handling of applications is carried out by the employees of Sethia London Limited as the Trust has no paid staff.

The trustees throughout the year were as follows:

Mr Nirmal Kumar Sethia
Ms Richa Sethia
Mr Amrao Jain
Mr Arun Bhattacharya
Lord Ara Darzi (appointed 15 June 2020).

Statement of responsibilities of the trustees of N Sethia Foundation in respect of the trustees annual report and the financial statements

The charity trustees are responsible for preparing a trustees' annual report and financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice). The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the charity trustees to prepare financial statements for each year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, of the charity for that period. In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the applicable Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES (CONTINUED)

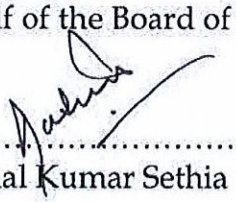
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Statement of responsibilities of the trustees of N Sethia Foundation in respect of the trustees annual report and the financial statements (continued)

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the applicable Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations, and the provisions of the Trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the charity and financial information included on the charity's website in accordance with legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees



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Mr Nirmal Kumar Sethia
Trustee

4 November 2021

N SETHIA FOUNDATION

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF N SETHIA FOUNDATION

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of N. Sethia Foundation ("the charity") for the year ended 5 April 2021, shown on pages 10 to 19, which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, Statement of Cashflows and related notes, including the accounting policies in note 1. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom accounting standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 *the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland* (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements,

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 5 April 2021 and of its incoming resources and applications of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice, including FRS 102 the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland;and
- have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs UK) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the "Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements" section of our report below. We are independent of the charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the Financial Reporting Council's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Going concern

We are required to report to you if we have concluded that the use of the going concern basis of accounting is inappropriate or there is an undisclosed material uncertainty that may cast significant doubt over the use of that basis for a period of at least twelve months from the date of approval of the financial statements. We have nothing to report in these respects.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF N SETHIA FOUNDATION

Other information
The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, other than the financial statements and our Report of the Independent Auditors thereon. The trustees are responsible for the other information. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether, based on our financial statements audit work, the information therein is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information we are required to report that fact.
We have nothing to report in this regard.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception
We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the information given in the trustees' report is inconsistent in any material respect with the financial statements; or
- sufficient accounting records have not been kept; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Trustees' responsibilities
As explained more fully in the Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities set out on page 5, the trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditors' responsibilities
We have been appointed as auditor under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with the Act and relevant regulations made or having effect thereunder.

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF N SETHIA FOUNDATION

Auditors' responsibilities (continued)

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue our Report of the Independent Auditors that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our Report of the Independent Auditors.

Extent to which the audit was considered capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs (UK), we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. In addition, we:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.

- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the charitable company's internal controls.

- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.

- Conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the charitable company to cease to continue as a going concern.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF N SETHIA FOUNDATION

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Boydell & Co
Statutory Auditor
146B Chiswick High Road
London
W4 1PU

4 November 2021

N SETHIA FOUNDATION

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2021

		Unrestricted funds	Total 2021	Total 2020
Income and endowments from:				
Donations and grants	(3)	487,213	487,213	536,329
Investment income and interest		-	-	31
Total income		487,213	487,213	536,360
Expenditure on:				
Charitable activities	(4)	109,506	109,506	8,172
Other expenditure / (income)	(5)	34,651	34,651	57,670
Total expenditure		144,157	144,157	65,842
Net income/ (expenditure)		343,056	343,056	470,518
Net gains on disposal of investments		-	-	221,220
Net movements in funds		343,056	343,056	691,738
Reconciliation of funds:				
Total funds brought forward		8,680,543	8,680,543	7,988,805
Total funds carried forward		£ 9,023,599	£ 9,023,599	£ 8,680,543

The notes on pages 13 to 19 form an integral part of these financial statements.

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BALANCE SHEET AT 5 APRIL 2021

			2021		2020
Fixed assets					
Investments	(7)		9,603,957		9,603,957
Current assets					
Cash at bank and on deposit		506,689		318,957	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	(8)	(87,047)		(242,371)	
Net current (liabilities)/assets			419,642		76,586
Net assets less current liabilities			10,023,599		9,680,543
Creditors: amounts falling due after one year	(9)		(1,000,000)		(1,000,000)
Net assets			£ 9,023,599		£ 8,680,543
Funds					
Restricted	(1)		-		-
Unrestricted	(1)		9,023,599		8,680,543
Total funds	(1)		9,023,599		£ 8,680,543

Approved by the Board of Trustees on 4 November 2021 and authorised for issue on its behalf by:

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Mr Nirmal Kumar Sethia
Trustee

The notes on pages 13 to 19 form an integral part of these financial statements.

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STATEMENT OF CASHFLOWS AT 5 APRIL 2021

	Notes	2021	2020
		£	£
Cash flows from operating activities			
Net cash provided by operating activities	15	187,732	302,645
Cash flows from investing activities			
Dividends and interest from investments		-	31
Payments to acquire investments		-	(1,168,106)
Proceeds on disposl of investments		-	1,158,379
Net cash used in investing activities		-	(9,696)
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the year		187,732	292,948
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year		318.957	26,009
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	16	506,689	318,957

The notes on pages 13 to 19 form an integral part of these financial statements.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2021

Statutory information
N. Sethia Foundation is an unincorporated charity, domiciled in England and Wales, established by trust deed on 22 August 1995. The charity was registered with the Charities' Commission on 27 September 1995 and has the registered charity number 1049481. Accordingly, it should be exempt from tax in respect of its charitable activities, gains and investment income.

The registered office is N Sethia House, 105 St John Street, London, EC1M 4AS.

Statement of compliance
The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (as amended by SORP update bulletin 1 concerning the non disclosure of a cashflow statement) and the Charities Act 2011.

There were no material departures from the standard.

N. Sethia Foundation meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note(s).

The financial statements are prepared in sterling which is the functional currency of the charity.

1. Accounting policies

Basis of preparation
The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Financial Reporting Standard 102 ('FRS 102'). The presentation currency of these financial statements is sterling. In preparing the financial statements the charity follows best practice as laid down in the "Statement of Recommended Practice Accounting and Reporting by Charities" SORP 2019.

The accounting policies set out below have, unless otherwise stated, been applied consistently to all periods presented in these financial statements. The financial statements are prepared on the historical cost basis.

Judgements made by the trustees, in the application of these accounting policies that have significant effect on the financial statements and estimates with a significant risk of material adjustment in the next year are discussed below.

The trustees have reviewed the charity's financial position and considered the impact of future activities, to ensure it is appropriate to produce the accounts on a going concern basis.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2021 (CONTINUED)

1. Accounting policies (continued)

Income recognition

Income is accounted for at the point at which the charity earns the right to its consideration by its performance. All income is derived from activities carried out in the UK.
All income is included in the SOFA when the charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. The following specific policies apply to categories of income:

Donations are reported gross on a receivable basis.
Grants receivable income, where related to performance and specific deliverables, is accounted for as the charity earns the right to consideration by its performance. Where income is received in advance of performance, its recognition is deferred and included in creditors. Where entitlement occurs before income is received, the income is accrued.
Investment income is accounted for when receivable and includes the related tax recoverable.

Expenditure recognition

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to that category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.
Grants payable are charged in the year when the offer is conveyed to the recipient, except in cases where the offer is conditional, such grants being recognised as expenditure when the conditions are fulfilled.
Governance costs are the costs associated with the running of the charity, as opposed to the direct management functions inherent in generating funds, service delivery and programme or project work. These include such items as external audit, legal advice for trustees and costs associated with legal and statutory requirements.
Administration expenditure comprises all costs incurred in running the charity which cannot be directly allocated to the charity's projects or to fund raising.

Support cost allocation

Support costs, which include office functions such as general management, budgeting and accounting, information technology, human resources and financing, are allocated across the categories of charitable expenditure, governance costs and the costs of generating funds.

Investments

Listed investments are included in the financial statements at market value as at the year end and unlisted investments are included at cost. Gains and losses on investment asset disposals are taken to the accounts on which the investments are held as disclosed in the financial statements.

The charity accounts for its investments in associates at cost less impairment.

1. Accounting policies (continued)

Basic financial instruments

Other debtors are recognised initially at transaction price less attributable transaction costs. Other creditors are recognised initially at transaction price plus attributable transaction costs. Subsequent to initial recognition they are measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less any impairment losses in the case of trade debtors. If the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, for example if payment is deferred beyond normal business terms, then it is measured at the present value of future payments discounted at a market rate of instrument for a similar debt instrument.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash balances and bank deposits.

Funds

Unrestricted funds represent the funds of the charity that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are available for application for the aims of the charity.

Restricted funds may be expended only on the specific object for which they were given. The charity had no restricted funds either in the current year nor in the previous year.

Foreign currencies

Assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated at the rate of exchange ruling at the balance sheet date. Transactions in foreign currencies are recorded at the average rate for the year.

2. Judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

The trustees do not consider there to be any estimates or judgements that are critical to the financial statements.

3. Incoming resources - donations

	2021	2020
Donations from related entities	£ 487,213	£ 536,329

4. Direct charitable expenditure

	2021	2020
Imperial college London	50,000	-
The PCC Of the Charltons-St Mary the virgin Church	27,000	-
Aurora Humanatarian Aid	15,234	-
NHS Support during Covid-19	10,651	-
Mercy and Health	5,621	-
Urology Cancer Research and Education	1,000	-
Future Talent	-	7,922
Grant of less than £5,000	-	250
	£ 109,506	£ 8,172

5. Other expenditure

	2021	2020
Independent auditor's report	3,676	2,400
Financial charges and interest	55	1,822
Printing, postage and stationery	150	4,967
Foreign exchange losses	30,770	48,481
	£ 34,651	£57,670

6. Average number of employees

During the year, the Foundation had no employees (2020: nil).

7. Investments

	Investment in a Private company	Other Investments	Total
	£	£	£
Cost at 6 April 2020	350,000	9,253,957	9,603,957
Addition of unlisted investment at cost	-	-	-
Disposal proceeds	-	-	-
Unrealised net gain	-	-	-
Cost at 5 April 2021	£ 350,000	£ 9,253,957	£ 9,603,957

In the opinion of the trustees the market value of the unlisted UK investments is at least equal to the cost of £9,603,957 (2020: £9,60,957) at year end.

The unlisted investments comprise 350,000 ordinary £1 shares in Newby Teas (UK) Limited, an associate company, and the Chitra Collection (see https://chitracollection.com/), a collection of historic, tea-related artefacts.

Had the investment in associate been accounted for using the equity method, its carrying value would have been £422,958 (2020: £510,319) rather than the current cost of £350,000. See note 10 below for details of the associate's donation in the year.

8. **Creditors: amounts falling due within one year**

	2021	2020
Accruals	2,371	2,371
Other creditors	24,676	-
Grant commitments	60,000	240,000
	£87,047	£242,371

9. **Creditors: amounts falling due after one year**

	2021	2020
Grant commitments due greater than five years	£ 1,000,000	£ 1,000,000

10. **Related party transactions**

The trustees were not paid any remuneration or expenses during the year (2020: £nil).

Other creditors of £24,676 relates to amounts due to Sethia London Limited.

Donations received for the year ended 31 March 2021 from related entities were as follows:

Sethia London Limited: £487,213 (2020: £386,329)
Newby Teas (UK) Limited: £nil (2020: £150,000)

Additionally, the charity purchased £nil of tea-related investments from Sethia London Limited (2020: £1,167,689) and £10,651 of tea from Newby Teas (UK) Limited (2020: £nil).

The companies are related parties by virtue of the fact that they are ultimately owned by both the Sethia Family and Sethia Family Trusts.

There are no additional related party transactions to report.

11. **Contingent liabilities**

At 5 April 2021 the charity had no contingent liabilities.

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12. **Off balance sheet arrangements**
There are no material off-balance sheet arrangements to disclose.

13. **Events since the balance sheet date**
There are no events on which to report.

14. **Financial instruments**
The charity has no other financial instruments than basic financial instruments.

15. **Reconciliation of net income/(expenditure) to net cash flow from operating activities**

	2021	2020
	£	£
Net income/(expenditure)		
Net cash provided by operating activities	343,056	691,738
Cash flows from investing activities		
Dividends and interest from investments	-	(31)
Gains on investments	-	(221,220)
Decrease in debtors	-	12,158
Decrease in creditors	(155,324)	(180,000)
Net cash used in investing activities	187,732	302,645

16. **Analysis of cash and cash equivalents**

	2021	2020
	£	£
Cash at bank	506,689	318,957
Total cash equivalents	506,689	318,957