

WALES PUJA COMMITTEE

England & Wales · Charity number 1050138

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 1995-10-24

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE HINDU RELIGION BY SUCH MEANS AS THE TRUSTEES SHALL FROM TIME TO TIME DETERMINE

Activities: The Charity's Objects are to increase the awareness of social, cultural & religious values of India amongst the communities we live in by such means as the Trustees shall from time to time determine.

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Human Resources, Provides Services, Sponsors Or Undertakes Research, Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Overseas Aid/famine Relief, Religious Activities, Arts/culture/heritage/science, Economic/community Development/employment, Human Rights/religious Or Racial Harmony/equality Or Diversity
- **Who:** People Of A Particular Ethnic Or Racial Origin, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- India
- Throughout Wales

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-08-31	£19,185	£25,736	-	-
2024-08-31	£37,336	£36,018	-	-
2023-08-31	£22,118	£31,393	-	-
2022-08-31	£30,301	£28,772	-	-
2021-08-31	£12,253	£8,801	-	-
2020-08-31	£4,328	£2,213	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
DR RAVINDRA DEVA NARAYAN		
DR SAKTI GUHA NIYOGI		2018-10-30
DR SANKAR DAS		2011-11-06
DR SHILADITYA SINHA		2024-07-23
Dr ASHOK MUKHERJEE		
Dr KANTIMOY NATH		
Dr SATYA KISHORE SHARMA		2013-05-08
Dr Sandip Raha		2011-11-06

Accounts



18/06/2025

TRUSTEES REPORT: CHARITY COMMISSION ANNUAL RETURN 2024

Wales Puja Committee

Charity Registration No: 1050138

The Charity Commission for England and Wales

Trustees' Annual Report for the Financial Year 1 September 2023 to 31 August 2024

Dear Sir or Madam,

We are pleased to submit the Trustees' Annual Report for the Wales Puja Committee (WPC) for the period 1 September 2023 to 31 August 2024, in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 and current guidance issued by the Charity Commission.

Objectives and Activities

Our principal aim remains the celebration and promotion of Hindu culture, spirituality, and community through the observance of key festivals and inclusive community events. This is very much central to much of what we do. We seek to foster cultural identity and intergenerational engagement through shared heritage and artistic programming.

Achievements and Performance

In this reporting period, we successfully hosted our core religious and cultural festivals: Durga Puja, Kali Puja and Saraswati Puja, which were attended by members of all ages and backgrounds. We also delivered vibrant community celebrations, including a Sports Day/Summer Festival and Poila Boishakh (Bengali New Year).

2023 marked WPC's Golden Jubilee, an extraordinary milestone. We received a generous grant from the National Lottery Heritage Fund to help celebrate this. The Durga Puja was held in the prestigious Temple of Peace and Health in Cardiff City Centre attracting big gatherings on every day. We even held a Mahalaya celebration in the Museum of Cardiff to welcome the pujas. The occasion was also celebrated with a headline performance by Krosswindz, a leading Indian rock fusion band. Their performance was supported via the Nights Out (Arts Council of Wales), who generously covered the artist fees directly. This flagship event underscored our long-standing dedication to blending heritage with contemporary expression.

It was the tradition in the WPC to cook our own meals during Pujas and Festivals. This has become more difficult in recent years with restrictions on cooking in venues and growing numbers of attendees. We hired the Community Kitchen at Oasis, a charity for immigrants and asylum seekers where we taught them some Indian cooking skills and for every meal that we served in the Pujas, a matched meal was donated to the asylum seekers and homeless at Oasis. This we felt was a great way to celebrate our Golden Anniversary year.



Financial Overview

Total income for the year was £37,336, inclusive of generous donations and a £9,600 grant from the National Lottery Heritage Fund to support our 50th anniversary programme. Our total expenditure was £36,018, with all financial records detailed in the Treasurer's Report and Independent Assessment submitted alongside this letter.

Governance and Management

The Wales Puja Committee is managed by a Board of Trustees, supported by an Executive Committee. Meetings are held regularly at our office premises, with additional subgroup meetings to address specific organisational needs.

Compliance and Future Planning

We remain committed to good governance and safeguarding. Many of our members—predominantly NHS, teaching, and social care professionals—already hold valid DBS checks, and we will be encouraging all active volunteers to refresh these as needed.

We also acknowledge the evolving regulatory framework of the Charity Commission. In alignment with this, we are currently awaiting formal Consent to amend our Constitution to reflect this along with our future aspirations and modern operational needs.

Public Benefit Statement

The trustees confirm that they have complied with their duty to have due regard to the guidance on public benefit issued by the Charity Commission.

We extend our deepest gratitude to our volunteers, donors, and community members whose support sustains our mission. Together, we look forward to another year of vibrant cultural celebration and community service.

Yours sincerely,

Dr Sakti Guha Niyogi
Head of Trustees
On behalf of the Board of Trustees
Wales Puja Committee

Dr Sakti Guha Niyogi, 206 Heol Hir, Thornhill, Cardiff CF14 9LA

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Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Charity Name
Wales Puja Committee

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31 August 2024

**Charity no
(if any)**

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

**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent
examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

Signed:

P S Brown

Date:

09/06/2025

Name:

PAUL SIMON BROWN

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

FCIE, DChA,

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Minutes of Trustees meeting on 1/11/2022 at our office, 8th. Floor, Friary House, Cardiff

Trustees present: Dr Kanti Nath – Chair of Trustees

Dr Ashok Mukherjee, Dr Sakti Guha Niyogi, Dr Sankar Das, Dr Satya Kishore Sharma, Dr Sandip Raha

Apologies: Dr Kaushik Mukherjee, Dr Ravi Narayan

1. Trustees discussed Saraswati Puja 2023 issues following last Executive committee meeting where a decision was deferred as our Priest Anirban stated that he won't be able to do Saraswati Puja other than actual date on 26th January 2023, while majority of committee members have stated that it should be done on Saturday 28th January so children can participate and a cultural programme can be arranged. Trustees felt that it should be done as per majority of Executive committee members decision rather than only Priest's opinion and if needed alternative priest can be arranged. Chair of trustee to communicate this to Executive committee.
2. Charity donation money raised in Diwali was discussed too and it was felt that executive committee should come to a consensus agreement about it including money raised through auction of Rugby tickets (donated to Raja Biswas by Dr Dewar).
3. Trustee felt that subcommittee formation for golden anniversary should be done asap and subcommittees should have enough independence to formalise their section with approval from Executive committee.
4. Trustees also discussed about logistics of Visarjan of Old Protima and there was consensus of dipping it in a water filled skip and then recovering the wooden frame for recycle. Sandip to explore cost and suggest that to Executive committee.
5. Trustees also felt restoring present Protima made in 2016 is a better option than commissioning a new one from India and this possibly can be done as restoration project. Sandip mentioned that discussion with St. Fagan's Wels history museum has been initiated as partnership.
6. Trustees discussed Neeleem letter to Trustee Chair and agreed that Cultural and Catering officer's posts should be renamed as Cultural and Catering lead and changes of names should be in Constitution. Trustees also felt that there should be nominated lead for PR - sponsorship/ website and digital matters.
7. Decision about nominating any additional trustee (Dipak Kundu's vacancy) was deferred.
8. Trustees discussed points raised and opinions expressed by Exec committee members in whats app group and agreed that final decision should be only done in Exec committee meeting although members can give their points of view in the group. All discussions should be harmonious and congenial and should not be discord to each other.
9. Trustees approved the yearly account of 2021-22 as submitted during AGM in October 2022
10. Trustees approved the addition of Charity dissolution clauses added to constitution as well as Trustees not financially benefitting from the charity under any circumstances.

11. Trustees thanked Dr Kanti Nath for providing refreshments.

Prepared by Dr Sandip Raha

Trustee

Dated 3/11/2022

Wales Puja Committee Accounts 2021-22

Registered Charity No: 1050138



Durga Puja:-

	Expenses (in £)		Income (in £)
WCIA Hall hire	4000	Online Donations	4431.73
Stage Building/ Lighting/ Decorations	2067.2	Cash	432
Protima Transportation	600	Cheque	302
Priest Service/ Accomodation/ Car Park	769.09	Car Park collections	456
Fruits/ Flowers / Puja Samagree/ Provisions	720.18		
WCIA Hall Car Park	468	Sponsors :-	
K.K. Solutions for Souvenirs	442	Lifeline Pro Ltd	720
Catering:-		Eurocross Ltd.	500
4 Nights Meal & Sweets from Puja Sweets	2358	Sharee Stall	50
4 Days meal from PUKKA pure Indian Kitchen	2100	Flowers Donation	50.5
Takeaway Cutlery Packaging Cutlery sets	842.65	Sweets Donation	355
Cultural Program:-			
Hall Hire for Rehearsals(4days@£30)	120		
Stage Sound Service	283.62		
Dance Props/ Gift for performers & Judges	224.8		
Total	14995.54	Total	7297.23
Deficit	7698.31		

(Community Grant Received on Sep 2019 which was £7150. So overall Durga Puja event deficit is £548.31)

Kali Puja:-

Llandaff Rowing Club Hall hire(@£50/hour)	250	Online Donations	900
Hall set up/ Pre-Post kitchen Clean (@£25/hour)	75	Cash	40
Puja Samagree/ Fruits/ Flowers/ Provision	283.8	Thali Donation	61
Refreshment from Pukka Pure Indian Kitchen Caterer	440	(Pronam)	
Sparklers / Fireworks /Kitchen help	85	Sweets Donation	45
Total	1133.8	Total	1046
Deficit	87.8		

Saraswati Puja:-

PCC Hall hire(@£25/hour)	250	Online Donations	1264.01
Stage Decorations and Lighting	199.7	Cash	290
Puja Samagree/ Fruits/ Flowers/ Sharee/ Provisions	382.65	Cheques	25
Refreshment from PUKKA and kitchen help and Cutlery sets	577.56		
Food waste clearances by Smith.S	120		
Total	1529.91	Total	1579.01
Profits	49.1		

Sotoborsopore Cultural Program:-

Visiting Artist flight Expenses	1170.7	ACW Lottery Grant	6060
Remunerations and Accomodation	2593.78	Tickets Sales	1035
VISA cost/ Travelling U.K /Parking / Food	531.67		
London Artists Fees/ Car Fuel/ Coach Fare/ Refreshment	1026.4		
Hall Hire for Reharsals/ Stage Light/ Refreshment	464.47		
Chapter Hall Hire for Program	550		
Leaflets/ Props/ Gift for Dancers / Flowers / Advertising	968.73		
Total	7305.75	Total	7095
Deficit	210.75		

Charity Activity:-

First Aid Training Programme (Team India)	500	Online Donations	291
Total	500	Total	291

General Expenses & Income:-

Durga Puja Event Insurance	204	Community Grant	10000
Kitchen Hehp(32 hours@£10)	320	Gift Aid from HMRC	1469.63
Intercity Removals (Protima Storage)	1620	National Museum	50
Microsoft & Yearly Zoom subscription (@£14.39/month)	231.47	Golden Anniversary	
HCW Mebership	50	Executive members	
UKBC Co- host Fees	50	Monthly payments	1461
NHS Charities Together, Warwick	50		
Furniture transfer Van fare for WPC office & Solicitor fees	386	Interest from Bank	10.32
Admin/ Storage Box/ Decoration Cloth	21	Sundries	1.78
<u>Miscellaneous :-</u>			
Last year Expenses hadn't claimed, gone through this year	105.27		
Fraud Transaction named FORTNUMANDM, ason.com	139.45		
Sotoborso Pore Rehearsal PCC Hall Hire paid Twice.	130		
(Need to be claim back)			
Total	3307.19	Total	12992.73
Grand Total	28,772.19	Grand Total	30,300.97

Overall Surpluses during 2021-2022 accounting year is	1,528.78	Current A/C Balance	2957.32
Total in Bank on 31/08/2021	29,400.48	Savings A/C Balance	27969.33
		Charity A/C Balance	2.61
Total in Bank on 31/08/2022	30,929.26	Total in Bank	30,929.26



Section A

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Signed:

P S Brown

Date: 23/05/2023

Name:

PAUL SIMON BROWN

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