

SIVAYOGAM

(Charity Registered No. 1050398)



Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2024

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Trustees' Annual Report Year ended 31 March 2024

The Trustees of Sivayogam Charity present their annual report and audited accounts for the year ended 31 March 2024. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the Charities Act 2011, the charity's Deed 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 January 2019).

Reference and administrative details

Registered charity name Sivayogam

Charity registration number 1050398

Principal office Mulberry House
128 Aurelia Road
Croydon
CR0 3BF
United Kingdom

The trustees

Mrs Ambihai K Selvakumar (Chair) Bsc, Msc, FCCA, MBA
(Appointed 13 March 2023)
Mr Sanmugarajah P Tanaraja (Treasurer) FCCA
(Appointed 03 December 2011)
Mr Nimalan Seevaratnam (Secretary)
(Appointed 01 July 2021)
Dr Jeyakanthan Saravanamuthu
(Appointed 01 October 2021)
Mr Navaratnam Velupillai
(Appointed 13 March 2023)

Auditor Adrian & Co
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Structure, governance and management

The governing document:

The charity operates under a Declaration of Trust (Trust Deed), the governing document, which was registered with the Charity Commissioners in November 1995 under registration number 1050398. The charity is constituted as an unincorporated association and it is governed and managed by the Trustees.

The Registered Office of the charity is at Mulberry House 128 Aurelia Road, Croydon CR0 3BF.

The Trustees:

The Declaration of Trust provides for at least three and not more than five trustees. The Trustees in office at the end of the reporting year were Mrs Ambihai K Selvakumar (chair) from 13 March 2023, Mr. Sanmugarajah Tanarajah (Treasurer) from 03 December 2011, Mr Nimalan Seevaratnam (Secretary) from 01 July 2021, Mr Jeyakanthan Saravanamuthu from 01 October 2021 and Mr Navaratnam Velupillai from 13 March 2023.

Recruitment and appointment of new Trustees:

The trustees convene regularly to evaluate the need for recruiting and appointing new trustees, particularly in instances where an existing trustee intends to retire or when organisational requirements necessitate additional expertise. Trustees are selected based on their integrity, dedication, and commitment to advancing the charity's objectives. They are typically well-versed in Saiva religious principles and Tamil culture, and they actively engage in the charity's activities.

Appeal for Life-term members:

The trustees resolved to transfer the day-to-day management of the two temples to the devotees upon the completion of the construction work. Consequently, devotees actively engaged with the temples' activities are invited to apply for life-term membership. Prospective members may submit their applications along with a life-term membership fee of £500. A total of 108 members will constitute the "Thiruppanich Sabai." This body will elect a committee of seven members to form an executive committee, which will serve a three-year term to oversee the daily operations. The executive committee will report to the Executive Officer, who, in turn, is accountable to the Board of Trustees.

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Objectives and activities

As outlined in the Trust Deed, the charity's objectives are to advance the Hindu (Saiva) religion, promote education in Hindu (Saiva) culture, provide recreational facilities and offer relief from poverty, hardship, and distress, particularly to destitute children and elders in Sri Lanka.

Activities and Public Benefits

a) Temple Activities

Sivayogam operates two temples:

1. **Arulmiyu London Muththumari Amman Temple** at 128 Aurelia Road, Croydon, CR0 3BF.
2. **Arulmiyu London Nadarajar Temple** at 3C & 11 and 13B Ranelagh Road, Wembley, HA0 4TW.

Both temples celebrate all major Hindu (Saiva) festivals.

b) Arulmiyu London Muththumari Amman Temple

This temple is located on a large freehold property purchased on 23 August 2019 for £2.0 million. The property includes a car park. A deposit of £0.5 million was funded through donations and temple receipts, with the remaining £1.5 million financed via a mortgage on the Croydon and Wembley properties.

c) Arulmiyu London Nadarajar Temple

This temple is also situated on a freehold property at 3C & 11 and 13B Ranelagh Road, Wembley. The property includes a car park and is currently undergoing development.

d) Plans for Future Activities

The charity plans to expand its offerings beyond the services provided by the two temples, reintroducing activities previously offered during its 16 years in Tooting. These include classes in Indian dance, Indian music (vocal, violin, veena, and miruthangam [drum]), and Tamil language. Additionally, new classes are proposed in English language, yoga, religious knowledge, computer studies, and tuition for students up to Year 9, with a nominal fee charged for these services. The plans also include the establishment of leisure centres for elders and youth, each housed in purpose-built halls within the new building. As part of this initiative, elders will be provided with meals and refreshments.

e) Fund for Eelam Orphans, Widows, and the Destitute

The Trust continues to support the London Sivayogam Orphanage (Annai Illam) in Mannar, Sri Lanka. Additionally, financial aid is provided to support 35 children annually at the orphanage managed by the Hindu Board of Education.

f) External Factors Impacting Activities

The ongoing aftermath of the Tamil Genocide in Sri Lanka has significantly impacted the charity's operations. Many members of the congregation have lost loved ones, leading to

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apathy and reduced support. This, coupled with high demand for humanitarian assistance, has constrained the charity's financial capacity. The trustees are optimistic that completion of the Muththumari Amman Temple development will bolster resources to meet these challenges.

Achievements and performance

a) Redesign and Construction of the New Temple – Arulmihu London Muththumari Amman Temple, Croydon

The redevelopment of the Arulmihu London Muththumari Amman Temple is progressing under the guidance of architect Darnton B3 and a team of dedicated professionals, including a senior Civil Engineer, a senior Structural Engineer, a Director of Buildings with a London Borough Council, and several community members. All are contributing their expertise on a voluntary basis to support the design and construction of the project.

The new building consists of three main sections, with the central section housing the temple. The right wing on the ground floor includes a dining hall for devotees, a modern kitchen approved by the borough council, and utility rooms such as storage and toilets. The upper floor features accommodation for priests and religious workers, as well as an exhibition hall. The left wing contains two reception halls, one on the ground floor and the other on the upper floor, equipped with necessary facilities. The existing roof will be replaced to align with the design of the new building.

The trustees are grateful to the London Borough of Croydon for their support and cooperation in granting planning permissions and facilitating the progress of this significant project.

b) Redesign and Construction of the New Temple – Wembley

Significant renovations are underway at the Wembley Temple, with the consecration ceremony (Kumbabishekam) anticipated in 2025.

c) Funding

The trustees remain confident that most redevelopment costs will be met through donations and temple receipts, supplemented by short-term interest-free loans from devotees when necessary.

d) Support for Eelam Orphans, Widows, and Destitute

The trustees have continued to support the London Sivayogam Orphanage (Annai Illam) in Mannar and have also contributed funds towards the upkeep of thirty-five children, out of approximately one hundred and fifty, residing in the orphanage managed by the Hindu Board of Education in Jaffna. This remains a key priority for us.

Financial review

The total income of the charity during the year to 31 March 2024 was £561,769 (2023: £524,069). The net current asset at the year-end was £194,571 (2023: £104,676), the trustees are confident that, based on the current and renewed participation of devotees/donors in the charitable activities, the income from temple services will reach pre-COVID-19 levels in the near future in order to manage the cash flow without difficulty.

Reserves policy

The Board of Trustees established a reserve policy to carry a minimum reserve equivalent of three months of its operational budget. This has been difficult to achieve in recent years, as the community, being disappointed and hurt, is reluctant to continue its support due to the relocation of the Amman Temple. However, the trustees have tried to hold a reserve of at least £25,000 at the end of each month in the unrestricted funds, ensuring operational continuity.

The Board of Trustees aims to maintain reserves equivalent to three months' operational costs. While this has proven challenging, trustees strive to hold at least £25,000 in unrestricted funds each month,

Donation making policy

No changes were made to the policy that was in practice. During the year the charity made donations totalling £26,139 (2023: £29,551) towards the upkeep of the Children orphanages and Elders' Home in Sri Lanka. No donations were made during the year towards other institutions or other purposes.

Plans for future periods

Risk Management

The Board of Trustees has reviewed the major risks faced by the charity and has implemented systems to mitigate these risks. One significant challenge is the non-availability of qualified priests and religious workers in the UK or EU. To address this, the charity is seeking to recruit retired or less qualified priests as an interim solution.

Arulmiyu London Nadarajar Temple, Wembley

The Arulmiyu London Nadarajar Temple is located on a freehold property acquired in 2005, where it currently operates in a small hall. Construction work for a major redevelopment is actively progressing, with various tasks underway. Completion of the primary construction is anticipated by July 2025.

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Completion and Kumbabishekam (Consecration)

The trustees aim to complete the main building for the Wembley Temple by July 2025, with the reception hall and other facilities likely to take an additional two or more years, contingent on income from temple activities and donations from the congregation. The Kumbabishekam (consecration ceremony) is expected to take place on an auspicious date towards the end of 2025.

The estimated total cost of the redevelopment is £6.0 million. Trustees are confident in their ability to secure the necessary funding through continued support from the community. Additionally, they plan to open a charity shop at the premises to generate supplementary income.

Trustees' responsibilities statement

The trustees are responsible for preparing the trustees' report and the 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 these 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 judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charity's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and 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 hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

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In so far as the trustees are aware:

- there is no relevant audit information of which the charity's auditor is unaware; and
- the trustees have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditor is aware of that information.

The trustees' annual report was approved on 17 January 2025 and signed on behalf of the board of trustees by:



Mrs Ambihai K Selvakumar

Trustee (Chair)



Mr Sanmugarajah P Tanaraja

Trustee (Treasurer)

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Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of Sivayogam Year ended 31 March 2024

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Sivayogam (the 'charity') for the year ended 31 March 2024 which comprise the statement of financial activities, statement of financial position, statement of cash flows and the related notes, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including FRS 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 31 March 2024 and of its incoming resources and application 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;
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of 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 auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. 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 FRC'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.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

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Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The trustees are responsible for the other information. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, 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 the other information 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

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the charity and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the trustees' report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Charities Act 2011 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
- adequate accounting records have not been kept; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the trustees' responsibilities statement, 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

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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

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

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 an auditor's report 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.

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. We also:

- 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 internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the trustees.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the trustees' 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 charity'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 charity to cease to continue as a going concern.

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· Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

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 members, as a body, in accordance with section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and regulations made under section 154 of that Act. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's members 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 members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



Mr Gnanaprasam Kumar FCCA (Senior Statutory Auditor)

For and on behalf of
Adrian & Co
Chartered Certified Accountants & Statutory Auditor
1417/1419 London Road
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London
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17 January 2025

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Statement of Financial Activities Year ended 31 March 2024

| | | | 2024 | | 2023 |
|---|------|--------------|------------|-------------|-------------|
| | | Unrestricted | Restricted | Total funds | Total funds |
| | Note | funds | funds | | |
| | | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| Income and endowments | | | | | |
| Donations and legacies | 4 | 237,619 | 79,546 | 317,166 | 313,825 |
| Charitable activities | 5 | 177,972 | – | 177,972 | 187,802 |
| Investment income | 6 | 1,088 | – | 1,088 | 872 |
| Other income | 7 | 65,543 | – | 65,543 | 21,570 |
| Total income | | 482,222 | 79,546 | 561,769 | 524,069 |
| Expenditure | | | | | |
| Expenditure on charitable activities | 8,9 | 437,370 | 40,539 | 477,910 | 437,416 |
| Total expenditure | | 437,370 | 40,539 | 477,910 | 437,416 |
| Net income and net movement in funds | | | | | |
| | | 44,852 | 39,007 | 83,859 | 86,653 |
| Reconciliation of funds | | | | | |
| Total funds brought forward | | 1,319,208 | 1,275,282 | 2,594,490 | 2,507,836 |
| Total funds carried forward | | 1,364,060 | 1,314,289 | 2,678,349 | 2,594,490 |

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.
All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

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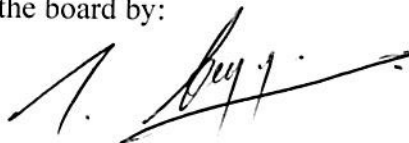
Statement of Financial Position 31 March 2024

| | Note | 2024 £ | 2023 £ |
|--|------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| Fixed assets | | | |
| Tangible fixed assets | 14 | 3,518,043 | 3,543,866 |
| Current assets | | | |
| Debtors | 15 | 26,999 | 26,999 |
| Cash at bank and in hand | | 239,432 | 192,840 |
| | | <u>266,431</u> | <u>219,839</u> |
| Creditors: amounts falling due within one year | 16 | 71,860 | 115,163 |
| Net current assets | | <u>194,571</u> | <u>104,676</u> |
| Total assets less current liabilities | | <u>3,712,614</u> | <u>3,648,542</u> |
| Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year | 17 | 1,034,265 | 1,054,053 |
| Net assets | | <u><u>2,678,349</u></u> | <u><u>2,594,489</u></u> |
| Funds of the charity | | | |
| Restricted funds | | 1,314,289 | 1,275,282 |
| Unrestricted funds | | 1,364,060 | 1,319,208 |
| Total charity funds | 18 | <u><u>2,678,349</u></u> | <u><u>2,594,490</u></u> |

These financial statements were approved by the board of trustees and authorised for issue on 10 January 2025, and are signed on behalf of the board by:



Mrs A K Selvakumar (chair)
Trustee



Mr S P Tanaraja (Treasurer)
Trustee

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Statement of Cash Flows Year ended 31 March 2024

| | 2024 £ | 2023 £ |
|---|-----------|-----------|
| Cash flows from operating activities | | |
| Net income | 83,859 | 86,654 |
| <i>Adjustments for:</i> | | |
| Depreciation of tangible fixed assets | 60,412 | 54,929 |
| Other interest receivable and similar income | (1,088) | (872) |
| Interest payable and similar charges | 82,093 | 52,955 |
| Accrued expenses | — | 1,200 |
| <i>Changes in:</i> | | |
| other debtors | — | 935 |
| other creditors | 548 | (4,632) |
| Cash generated from operations | 225,824 | 191,169 |
| Interest paid | (82,093) | (57,586) |
| Interest received | 1,088 | 872 |
| Net cash from operating activities | 144,819 | 139,086 |
| Cash flows from investing activities | | |
| Purchase of tangible assets | (34,589) | (27,899) |
| Net cash used in investing activities | (34,589) | (27,899) |
| Cash flows from financing activities | | |
| Proceeds from borrowings | (63,639) | (72,789) |
| Net cash used in financing activities | (63,639) | (72,789) |
| Net increase in cash and cash equivalents | 46,591 | 38,398 |
| Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year | 192,840 | 154,442 |
| Cash and cash equivalents at end of year | 239,431 | 192,840 |

Notes to the Financial Statements
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1. General information

The charity is a public benefit entity and a registered charity in England and Wales and is unincorporated. The address of the principal office is 128 Aurelia Road, Croydon, CR0 3BF, United Kingdom.

2. Statement of compliance

These financial statements have been prepared in compliance with FRS 102, 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland', the 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) (Charities SORP (FRS 102)) and the Charities Act 2011.

3. Accounting policies

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis, as modified by the revaluation of certain financial assets and liabilities and investment properties measured at fair value through income or expenditure.

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

Going concern

There are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees to further any of the charity's purposes.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the trustees for particular future project or commitment.

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure declared by the donor or through the terms of an appeal, and fall into one of two sub-classes: restricted income funds or endowment funds.

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Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the statement of financial activities when entitlement has passed to the charity; it is probable that the economic benefits associated with the transaction will flow to the charity and the amount can be reliably measured. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

- income from donations or grants is recognised when there is evidence of entitlement to the gift, receipt is probable and its amount can be measured reliably.
- legacy income is recognised when receipt is probable and entitlement is established.
- income from donated goods is measured at the fair value of the goods unless this is impractical to measure reliably, in which case the value is derived from the cost to the donor or the estimated resale value. Donated facilities and services are recognised in the accounts when received if the value can be reliably measured. No amounts are included for the contribution of general volunteers.
- income from contracts for the supply of services is recognised with the delivery of the contracted service. This is classified as unrestricted funds unless there is a contractual requirement for it to be spent on a particular purpose and returned if unspent, in which case it may be regarded as restricted.

Resources expended

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered, and is classified under headings of the statement of financial activities to which it relates:

- expenditure on raising funds includes the costs of all fundraising activities, events, non-charitable trading activities, and the sale of donated goods.
- expenditure on charitable activities includes all costs incurred by a charity in undertaking activities that further its charitable aims for the benefit of its beneficiaries, including those support costs and costs relating to the governance of the charity apportioned to charitable activities.
- other expenditure includes all expenditure that is neither related to raising funds for the charity nor part of its expenditure on charitable activities.

All costs are allocated to expenditure categories reflecting the use of the resource. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs are apportioned between the activities they contribute to on a reasonable, justifiable and consistent basis.

Tangible assets

Tangible assets are initially recorded at cost, and subsequently stated at cost less any accumulated depreciation and impairment losses. Any tangible assets carried at revalued amounts are recorded at the fair value at the date of revaluation less any subsequent accumulated depreciation and subsequent accumulated impairment losses.

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3. Accounting policies (*continued*)

An increase in the carrying amount of an asset as a result of a revaluation, is recognised in other recognised gains and losses, unless it reverses a charge for impairment that has previously been recognised as expenditure within the statement of financial activities. A decrease in the carrying amount of an asset as a result of revaluation, is recognised in other recognised gains and losses, except to which it offsets any previous revaluation gain, in which case the loss is shown within other recognised gains and losses on the statement of financial activities.

Depreciation

Depreciation is calculated so as to write off the cost or valuation of an asset, less its residual value, over the useful economic life of that asset as follows:

- Freehold property (excluding land) -2% on cost
- Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment -25% on written down value

-Statues and shrines -not depreciated as they are made of natural stones and special metals expected to last for hundreds of years and in line with Hindu tradition.

Impairment of fixed assets

A review for indicators of impairment is carried out at each reporting date, with the recoverable amount being estimated where such indicators exist. Where the carrying value exceeds the recoverable amount, the asset is impaired accordingly. Prior impairments are also reviewed for possible reversal at each reporting date.

For the purposes of impairment testing, when it is not possible to estimate the recoverable amount of an individual asset, an estimate is made of the recoverable amount of the cash-generating unit to which the asset belongs. The cash-generating unit is the smallest identifiable group of assets that includes the asset and generates cash inflows that largely independent of the cash inflows from other assets or groups of assets.

For impairment testing of goodwill, the goodwill acquired in a business combination is, from the acquisition date, allocated to each of the cash-generating units that are expected to benefit from the synergies of the combination, irrespective of whether other assets or liabilities of the charity are assigned to those units.

Financial instruments

A financial asset or a financial liability is recognised only when the charity becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at the amount receivable or payable including any related transaction costs.

Current assets and current liabilities are subsequently measured at the cash or other consideration expected to be paid or received and not discounted.

Debt instruments are subsequently measured at amortised cost.

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3. Accounting policies (*continued*)

Where investments in shares are publicly traded or their fair value can otherwise be measured reliably, the investment is subsequently measured at fair value with changes in fair value recognised in income and expenditure. All other such investments are subsequently measured at cost less impairment.

Other financial instruments, including derivatives, are initially recognised at fair value, unless payment for an asset is deferred beyond normal business terms or financed at a rate of interest that is not a market rate, in which case the asset is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest for a similar debt instrument.

Other financial instruments are subsequently measured at fair value, with any changes recognised in the statement of financial activities, with the exception of hedging instruments in a designated hedging relationship.

Financial assets that are measured at cost or amortised cost are reviewed for objective evidence of impairment at the end of each reporting date. If there is objective evidence of impairment, an impairment loss is recognised under the appropriate heading in the statement of financial activities in which the initial gain was recognised.

For all equity instruments regardless of significance, and other financial assets that are individually significant, these are assessed individually for impairment. Other financial assets are either assessed individually or grouped on the basis of similar credit risk characteristics.

Any reversals of impairment are recognised immediately, to the extent that the reversal does not result in a carrying amount of the financial asset that exceeds what the carrying amount would have been had the impairment not previously been recognised.

4. Donations and legacies

| | Unrestricted Funds £ | Restricted Funds £ | Total Funds 2024 £ |
|---------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Donations | | | |
| Free Will Offerings | 19,993 | 15,043 | 35,036 |
| Donations | 217,626 | 64,503 | 282,130 |
| Gift Aid Claim | — | — | — |
| | <u>237,619</u> | <u>79,546</u> | <u>317,166</u> |
| | | | |
| | Unrestricted Funds £ | Restricted Funds £ | Total Funds 2023 £ |
| Donations | | | |
| Free Will Offerings | 10,627 | 14,920 | 25,546 |
| Donations | 192,640 | 59,933 | 252,573 |
| Gift Aid Claim | 35,706 | — | 35,706 |
| | <u>238,973</u> | <u>74,853</u> | <u>313,825</u> |

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5. Charitable activities

| | Unrestricted Funds £ | Total Funds 2024 £ | Unrestricted Funds £ | Total Funds 2023 £ |
|-----------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|
| Temple services | 177,972 | 177,972 | 187,802 | 187,802 |

6. Investment income

| | Unrestricted Funds £ | Total Funds 2024 £ | Unrestricted Funds £ | Total Funds 2023 £ |
|--------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|
| Bank interest receivable | 1,088 | 1,088 | 872 | 872 |

7. Other income

| | Unrestricted Funds £ | Total Funds 2024 £ | Unrestricted Funds £ | Total Funds 2023 £ |
|---------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|
| Sale of goods | 65,543 | 65,543 | 21,570 | 21,570 |

8. Expenditure on charitable activities by fund type

| | Unrestricted Funds £ | Restricted Funds £ | Total Funds 2024 £ |
|---------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Support costs | 419,730 | 40,539 | 460,269 |
| | 17,640 | – | 17,641 |
| | – | – | – |
| | 437,370 | 40,539 | 477,910 |
| | – | – | – |
| | – | – | – |
| | Unrestricted Funds £ | Restricted Funds £ | Total Funds 2023 £ |
| Support costs | 372,752 | 47,023 | 419,775 |
| | 17,641 | – | 17,641 |
| | – | – | – |
| | 390,393 | 47,023 | 437,416 |
| | – | – | – |
| | – | – | – |

9. Expenditure on charitable activities by activity type

| | Activities undertaken directly | Support costs | Total funds 2024 £ | Total fund 2023 £ |
|------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| Governance costs | 460,269 | – | 460,269 | 419,775 |
| | – | 17,641 | 17,641 | 17,641 |
| | – | – | – | – |
| | 460,269 | 17,641 | 477,910 | 437,416 |
| | – | – | – | – |
| | – | – | – | – |

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Expenditure on charitable activities by activity type

| Charitable expenditure | | | 2024 | 2023 |
|---|-------------------------|-----------------------|------------------|------------------|
| | Unrestricted Funds £ | Restricted Funds £ | Total Funds £ | Total Funds £ |
| Rates & Water | 12802 | - | 12,802 | 7,173 |
| Light & Heat | 25,954 | - | 25,954 | 16,780 |
| Repairs & Renewals | 9,997 | - | 9,997 | 17,366 |
| Health & Safety | 3,282 | - | 3,282 | 3,195 |
| Telephone & Internet | 3,240 | - | 3,240 | 2,964 |
| Printing, Postage, Stationery & Publicity | 1,936 | - | 1,936 | 1,221 |
| Pooja Items (for Temple Services) | 65,478 | - | 65,478 | 74,141 |
| Salaries & N.I | 136,102 | 14,400 | 150,502 | 144,226 |
| Insurance | 3,084 | - | 3,084 | 3,808 |
| Travelling & Transport | 10,915 | - | 10,915 | 5,984 |
| IT expenses & , equipment expense | - | - | - | 2,116 |
| Interest on Loans & Mortgage | 82,093 | - | 82,093 | 52,955 |
| Grants & Donations | - | 26,139 | 26,139 | 29,551 |
| Sundry Expenses | 1,984 | - | 1,984 | 1,301 |
| Bank Charges | 4,657 | - | 4,657 | 4,272 |
| Depreciation | 58,206 | - | 58,206 | 52,722 |
| Subtotal carried forward | <u>419,730</u> | <u>40,539</u> | <u>460,269</u> | <u>419,775</u> |

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Expenditure on charitable activities by activity type (continued)

| | Unrestricted Funds | Restricted Funds | 2024 Total Funds | 2023 Total Funds |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|
| Charitable expenditure | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| Subtotal brought forward | 419,730 | 40,539 | 460,269 | 419,775 |
| Governance costs | | | | |
| Wages | 8,000 | - | 8,000 | 8,000 |
| Audit fee (including VAT) | 4,800 | - | 4,800 | 4,800 |
| Rates & water | 620 | - | 620 | 620 |
| Light & heat | 1,200 | - | 1,200 | 1,200 |
| Telephone & internet | 620 | - | 620 | 620 |
| Printing & postage | 195 | - | 195 | 195 |
| Depreciation | 2,206 | - | 2,206 | 2,206 |
| Subtotal | <u>17,641</u> | - | <u>17,641</u> | <u>17,641</u> |
| Grand total | <u>437,371</u> | <u>40,539</u> | <u>477,910</u> | <u>437,416</u> |

10. Net income

Net income is stated after charging/(crediting):

| | 2024 £ | 2023 £ |
|---------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Depreciation of tangible fixed assets | 60,412 | 54,929 |

11. Auditors remuneration

| | 2024 £ | 2023 £ |
|---|-----------|-----------|
| Fees payable for the audit of the financial statements, including VAT | 4,800 | 4,800 |

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12. Staff costs

The total staff costs and employee benefits for the reporting period are analysed as follows:

| | 2024 | 2023 |
|--------------------|-------------|-------------|
| | £ | £ |
| Wages and salaries | 158,502 | 152,226 |

The average head count of employees during the year was 10(2023: 7).

No employee received employee benefits of more than £60,000 during the year (2023: Nil).

13. Trustee remuneration and expenses

The executive officer was elected to be a trustee on 9 June 2021 and continues to receive a remuneration of gross monthly salary of £1,200 (2023 £1,200) for being an executive officer but not for being a trustee.

Trustees expenses during the year were £nil (2023; £nil)

14. Tangible fixed assets

| | Freehold property £ | Fixtures and fittings £ | Motor vehicles £ | Equipment £ | User defined asset £ | Total £ |
|------------------------|------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------|----------------|-------------------------|--------------------|
| Cost | | | | | | |
| At 1 Apr 2023 | 3,446,138 | 403,774 | 12,570 | 5,352 | 261,043 | 4,128,877 |
| Additions | 7,020 | 6,439 | – | – | 21,130 | 34,589 |
| At 31 Mar 2024 | 3,453,158 | 410,213 | 12,570 | 5,352 | 282,173 | 4,163,466 |
| Depreciation | | | | | | |
| At 1 Apr 2023 | 229,331 | 349,016 | 4,322 | 2,342 | – | 585,011 |
| Charge for the year | 42,063 | 15,300 | 2,514 | 535 | – | 60,412 |
| At 31 Mar 2024 | 271,394 | 364,316 | 6,836 | 2,877 | – | 645,423 |
| Carrying amount | | | | | | |
| At 31 Mar 2024 | 3,181,764 | 45,897 | 5,734 | 2,475 | 282,173 | 3,518,043 |
| At 31 Mar 2023 | 3,216,807 | 54,758 | 8,248 | 3,010 | 261,043 | 3,543,866 |

There is a bank charge on one of the freehold properties – see notes 15&17

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15. Debtors

| | 2024 | 2023 |
|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| | £ | £ |
| Other debtors | 26,999 | 26,999 |
| | <u>26,999</u> | <u>26,999</u> |

The other debtors £26,999 (2023: £26,999) represents a payment on account for the fixtures of the two temples to be fitted once the structural work of the main building work is completed.

16. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

| | 2024 | 2023 |
|---|---------------|----------------|
| | £ | £ |
| Bank loans and overdrafts (see note 17) | 63,636 | 107,487 |
| Accruals and deferred income | 8,094 | 7,676 |
| Other creditors | 130 | – |
| | <u>71,860</u> | <u>115,163</u> |

17. Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year

| | 2024 | 2023 |
|---------------------------|-------------|-----------|
| | £ | £ |
| Bank loans and overdrafts | 1,034,265 | 1,054,053 |

A 15-year loan of £1.3m was obtained in 2020 from Barclays bank plc to purchase the temple at 128 Aurelia Road, Croydon CR03BF, the loan is secured against the freehold properties (see note 14)

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18. Analysis of charitable funds

Unrestricted funds

| | At 1 April 2023 £ | Income £ | Expenditure £ | At 31 March 2024 £ |
|---------------|-------------------------|-------------|------------------|--------------------------|
| General funds | 1,319,208 | 482,222 | (437,370) | 1,364,060 |

| | At 1 April 2022 £ | Income £ | Expenditure £ | At 31 March 2023 £ |
|---------------|-------------------------|-------------|------------------|--------------------------|
| General funds | 1,260,384 | 449,217 | (390,393) | 1,319,208 |

Restricted funds

| | At 1 April 2023 £ | Income £ | Expenditure £ | At 31 March 2024 £ |
|----------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------|------------------|--------------------------|
| Restricted Fund 1 - desc in a/cs | 1,275,282 | 79,546 | (40,539) | 1,314,289 |

| | At 1 April 2022 £ | Income £ | Expenditure £ | At 31 March 2023 £ |
|----------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------|------------------|--------------------------|
| Restricted Fund 1 - desc in a/cs | 1,247,452 | 74,853 | (47,023) | 1,275,282 |

19. Analysis of net assets by funds

| | Unrestricted Funds | Restricted Funds Building Fund | Restricted Funds Eelam Project | 2024 Total Funds | 2023 Total Funds |
|---------------------------|-----------------------|---|---|------------------------|------------------------|
| Tangible Assets | 2,394,552 | 1,123,491 | - | 3,518,043 | 3,543,866 |
| Current Assets | 75,633 | 184,789 | 6,009 | 266,431 | 219,840 |
| Current Liabilities | (71,860) | - | - | (71,860) | (115,163) |
| Liabilities over one year | (1,034,265) | - | - | (1,034,265) | (1,054,053) |
| | <u>1,364,060</u> | <u>1,308,280</u> | <u>6,009</u> | <u>2,678,349</u> | <u>2,594,490</u> |

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19. Analysis of changes in net debt

| | At 1 Apr 2023 | Cash flows | At 31 Mar 2024 |
|--------------------------|------------------|----------------|------------------|
| | £ | £ | £ |
| Cash at bank and in hand | 192,840 | 46,592 | 239,432 |
| Debt due within one year | (107,487) | 43,851 | (63,636) |
| Debt due after one year | (1,054,053) | 19,788 | (1,034,265) |
| | <u>(968,700)</u> | <u>110,231</u> | <u>(858,469)</u> |