



BI-CC

Brent Indian-Community Centre

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Company No: 5828898

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Annual Directors' Report

2024/2025



Registered office
Brent Indian Community Centre (BI-CC)
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*Winner of
Queens Award 2004*



INTRODUCTION

Brent Indian Community Centre (BI-CC) proudly marks its 46th year, since it started in September 1978, under the leadership of its President Mr. Naginbhai Mistry.

As the longest-serving community centre in Brent, BI-CC has consistently provided exceptional services to meet the evolving needs of its diverse members.

Our members consists of individuals over 60 years old, many of whom face challenges such as limited English proficiency, low income, widowhood, long-term illnesses, and low levels of technological literacy.

On 26 April 2024, BI-CC returned to its original location at 19 Dudden Hill Lane, following extensive reconstruction in collaboration with Brent Council, resulting in the creation of SWAGAT Hall.

Our dedicated volunteers and committee members, representing various backgrounds, uphold an "open door" policy that fosters a secure and welcoming environment for all. We are committed to safeguarding the elderly and ensuring that every user is treated with respect.

BI-CC remains dedicated to serving the local community of Brent and its surrounding areas, particularly supporting low-income families, single-parent households, the elderly, and vulnerable individuals. We provide a vital space for community members to connect, share their experiences, and find mutual support.

BI-CC Membership

Since the Covid lockdowns began in March 2020, BI-CC's activities have significantly increased, setting the recognised standard of service within the Brent community and across the wider London Boroughs.

Our membership extends beyond Brent to encompass various areas of London. We have expanded our activities, including trips to numerous London Palaces, museums, and places of interest, as well as heavily subsidised seaside trips.

BI-CC's membership has grown substantially, from approximately 75 members before Covid in 2019 to over 400 members by the end of March 2025. This increase is largely attributed to our enhanced daily activities, more frequent outings, and the opportunity for members to meet new friends within the community.

These social activities have greatly benefited morale and well-being, especially after the loss of many community members due to Covid.

BI-CC's membership spans the widest areas in Brent, including Willesden, Harlesden, Kingsbury, Kenton, Kensal Rise, Neasden, Stonebridge, Cricklewood, Churchend, Kilburn, Wembley, as well as areas of Stanmore, Finchley. Our membership now also includes individuals from various parts of outer London.

Activities

Bhajans, Special events, Festivals & Socialising

BI-CC members participate in the daily Bhajan (singing) Group for the elderly to participate Monday – Friday from 1.00 – 4.00pm.

We also provide daily tea/biscuits and Socialising event, for the well-being of the members. It has been proven that daily singing and socialising provide emotional, cognitive, and physical benefits, enhancing the overall well-being of the members.

To support the well-being of BI-CC members, we have weekly Monday and Saturday Yoga classes, regular Zoom Seminars for members to participate in Health-Related topics.

Other special events/trips were also celebrated during the 2024-25 period, including

1. 17 April 2024 Ram Navmi Celebrations
2. 23 April Hanuman Jayanti
3. 27 April 2024 BI-CC Grand Opening of the SWAGAT Hall
4. **NEW Event** 8 May 2024 Bucking Palace Garden Party – Special Invitation
5. **NEW Event** 10 May 2024 Houses of Parliament – (30 Members)
6. 7 June 2024 Buckingham Palace Mews – (20 Members)
7. **NEW Event** 7 June 2024 Wembley Stadium England v Iceland (27 Members inc 15 in Wembley Box)
8. 13 July 2024 BI-CC AGM
9. 18 July 2024 Brighton seaside (50 Members)
10. **NEW Event** 8 – 14 August 2024 Shrimad Bhagwat Katha
11. 10 August 2024 Dance Yoga at Kensington Palace (35 Members)
12. 15 August 2024 India Independence Day celebration
13. 16 August 2024 Bournemouth seaside (50 Members)
14. **NEW Event** 19 August 2024 London Zoo for Grandparents & GrandChildren (30 Members)
15. **NEW Event** 24 August 2024 Bhajan by Shree Satan Bhajan Mandel
16. **NEW Event** 25 August 2024 Wembley Stadium Elite Wrestling (24 Members)
17. 27 August 2024 Janmastmi Celebration
18. **NEW Event** 28 August 2024 Bank of England & Greenwich Queens House (30 Members)
19. 6 September 2024 Buckingham Palace (30 Members)
20. 10 September 2024 Wembley Stadium England v Finland (20 Members)
21. **NEW Event** 11 September 2024 Westminster Abbey (20 Members)
22. **NEW Event** 22 September 2024 British Musuem “Silk Routes” (15 Members)
23. 2 October 2024 – Last day of Shraddh to remember our ancestors by Davyaben
24. 3 – 12 October 2024 Navratri Festival in the Afternoons
25. **NEW Event** 14 October 2024 Start of “Smart Phones and Tablets Made Easy for Seniors”
26. **NEW Event** 30 October 2024 Tower of London “Halloween” Parents & Children (30 members)
27. 7 November 2024 Annkut Diwali Celebration
28. 7 December 2024 Diwali & Christmas Party with Music by Marinaben & Melody Express
29. 6 January 2025 Restart BI-CC Activities – Bhajan, Yoga, Reflexology, Laughter Yoga, Training
30. 26 January 2025 Celebrating Indian Republic Day - Special Guest Deputy Lieutenant of Brent
31. **NEW Event** 3-7 February 2025 Bhagwat Katha & Satsang
32. **New Event** 26 February Wembley Stadium Lionesses England v Spain (20 Members)
33. 26 February 2025 Maha Shivaratri Celebration
34. 20 March 2024 Windsor Castle (20 Members)
35. 24 March 2024 Wembley Stadium England v Latvia (10 Members)

To support the community, BI-CC members who are not able to travel, especially during the winter months can participate in Zoom On-Line Bhajans. The On-Line Zoom are held 3 times a week (Zoom ID 2333 704 290 - Passcode 1234).

FREE - Tech Made Easy for Seniors

Many people have difficulty using their Mobile Phones and Tablets, so were limited in their ability to engage with their family, friend and the community, during the lockdown.

BI-CC secured funding from National Lottery Community fund for 4 years, to teach **“Smart Phones & Tablets Made Easy for Seniors”** started the first Group from 14 October 2024 for a 10 weeks training. The second group of 24 learners started on 6 January and finished on 19 March 2025. They were presented with the Completion of Training Certificates at Wembley Stadium, including a guided tour of Wembley Stadium.

A total of 48 learners have finished the training, over the 2 Groups and the training will continue for the next four years, with all abilities and ages up to 89 years old, have attended training with the help of Support Teachers, for those who need more support.



YOGA Classes

The twice weekly Yoga classes are run on Saturday's 9.15 – 10.45am and Monday's from 12.00 – 1.00pm.



Yoga classes provide physical benefits such as improved flexibility, strength, and balance. Additionally, they contribute to mental well-being by reducing stress and fostering mindfulness.

The social aspect of group classes encourages community connections. BI-CC encourages members to invite family and friends, promoting collective well-being

FREE – Volunteering

We would like to thank our dedicated Volunteers who help with daily opening of the hall, setting up Bhajan activities, providing tea and biscuits, helping with serving food during special functions and much more.

Volunteering offers members a chance to make a positive impact. By actively participating, individuals connect with their community, build relationships, and find fulfilment.

Volunteers play a crucial role in BI-CC's daily operations and It's an opportunity to give back, learn new skills, and contribute to the well-being of others. We need more volunteers to help on a regular basis and request members to contact the Chairman at the hall.

Sources of Funding

The normal sources of funding for BI-CC: -

- Donations received from our general membership.
- Grant applications
- Membership Fees (Jan-Dec 2024 was £10, and from Jan-Dec 2025 - Over 16's £15.00, and Free for Blue Badge holders and under 16's (with a membership of the Parent).
- Donation from attending external visits and trips.

The donations from the members has helped BI-CC organise majority of our activities for free or heavily subsidised, during the "Cost of Living Crises".

Redevelopment of Community Centre

BI-CC finally moved back into the new building, on 27 April 2024. This was a major achievement for the Community. Although, throughout the year, there have been many issues, which have been reported to Brent Council, for them to discuss with Willmott Dixon to resolve. We still have some items that need resolving, including the excessive charges for Electricity consumption, in comparison to the usage of the Centre.

Future Funding for the Community Centre

The new centre aims to be self-funding and not be dependent of hand-outs from either Brent Council or other Charity Organisations.

The New Centre therefore continue providing many of the existing services as well as introduction many new activities: -

- Health Activities for All residents
- Social gathering for Local residents
- IT Training and making the best use of Services
- Yoga/Dance Yoga Classes for different age groups and abilities
- Rental of facilities for Social and Cultural events
- Conferencing venue
- The Centre will also be available for Local Emergency / disaster needs e.g. Covid Vaccination centre for the local community
- Opportunity for a Polling Station in the area

Caretaker Flat for BI-CC

BI-CC's commitment is to be self-funding Community Centre, BI-CC has been allocated a Caretakers flat (at London Living Rent price), as part of the MOU/Head of Terms Contract with Brent Council. The onsite Caretaker will be responsible for opening / closing and maintain the building during out-of-hours.

Many of the funding activities (e.g. Hall Hiring and cleaning) will be carries out early morning or late night and hence the Caretaker will be required to ensure the facilities are ready for next day's activities.

Statement of Annual Accounts

The Treasurer of BI-CC has presented the Annual Accounts April 2024 – March 2025, for preparing the accounts by the D V Shah & Co.

The BI-CC Members can request to view the Account, by making an appointment with the Treasurer and the Chairman.

Our Suppliers & Organisations

Our SPECIAL thanks to our suppliers and Organisation who have made it possible for our members to participate and visit places, which they would not have been able to do without their support:-

- Brent Council – Building redevelopment & Grant Funding
- Willmott Dixon – Construction
- Solicitors – IEC Solicitors Mr Neil D'Souza
- Accountant – D V Shah & Co Ltd
- National Lottery – Community Funding
- Royal Collection Trust – visits to Buckingham Palaces etc.
- Historic Royal Palaces – visits to Tower of London etc.
- Wembley Community Trust – Funding and Tour of Wembley Stadium
- British Museum

Chairman's Statement

As Chairman (Mr Laxmanbhai Patel) of BI-CC - it has been my privilege to have served the community and yet it has been a huge challenge taking over the role from our President Naginbhai Mistry, who has inspired the creation of Brent Indian Community Centre, since September 1978.

In the past year, we have introduced many new activities and also carried on with many of our established activities, which has significantly increased our membership. I am honoured to have such committed Committee Members and the many volunteers who have contributed to yet another successful year for BI-CC.

I also take this opportunity to thank all our Teachers, Trainers, Support Teachers, our many trip organisers, and not forgetting the Bhajan and Kitchen staff and volunteers, who are here everyday to keep the centre running.

Finally, all organisations are dependent on some key members of the Committee and without the Treasurer to manage the Finances of our organisation or the Secretary for the add to day communications with our members and the Councils, to ensure we have a smooth transition to the new hall.

I take this opportunity to thank Brent Council, Willmott Dixon, CVS Brent, Solicitors – IEC Solicitors Mr Neil D'Souza, Accountant – D V Shah & Co Ltd, National Lottery – Community Funding, Royal Collection Trust for visits to many London Palaces and also to Historic Royal Palaces for visits to Historical Palaces, Wembley Community Trust for funding and Tours of Wembley Stadium and British Museum.

In the past year we have already taken the organisation into the new direction, with the new redevelopment of BI-CC. We will therefore continue to re-organise our Committee and look for Committee Members who can significantly increase the level of support they can volunteer for our future activities to thrive.

Some of our current and past Committee Members, who have supported the Organisation are getting old and find it difficult to support the Centre, as much as they use to or would like to, and hence we would like new Committee Members, as it is essential for the future success of BI-CC.

I would like to thank the current Committee members and the many volunteers who continue to support our daily activities, to make it the success it has been in the past year.

We at BI-CC will continue to offer our members new activities, however without your participation on an ongoing basis in all our activities, it can be disheartening to us, therefore I request that you participate and those who can also help with setting up and clearing after each event, as this Organisation is your Centre.

After financial year end charity received a notification from Brent Council that they will make the payment of £31,548.45 towards the Electricity bills. However there is no payment made yet and no provision has been made in the Income Statement.

Laxmanbhai Patel - Chairman BI-CC

BRENT INDIAN COMMUNITY CENTRE

General Information

for the year ended 31st March 2025

The Treasurer will present this report and audited Financial Statements for the Year ended 31st March 2025, to the Charity Commission and Companies House.

Reference and Administrative Information:

Charity Name:	Brent Indian Community Centre
Charity Registration Number:	1056710
Company Registration Number:	5828898

Registered Office and Operational Address:

Duddenhill Community Centre
19 Dudden Hill Lane
Willesden, London, NW10 2ET

Annual General Meeting

As a Limited Company and a Charity, BI-CC has held an AGM every year since its formation in 1978 (exc. During COVID) BI-CC informs its membership of the AGM and the selection of Committee Members, prior to the meeting. In the event there are not sufficient Committee Members, who have requested to be a Committee member at the time of the AGM, then members are selected at the AGM.

During the AGM, we request that **Messer's D V Shah & Co Ltd.** should continue to audit the Accounts for the future, in accordance with the Government regulations for Charity organisations.

BI-CC Committee

The Committee Members are elected from the General membership of BI-CC who are fully paid members and over the age of 18 years. The posts are open for a Committee Member, Secretary, Treasurer, Assistants and Chairperson, as long as they have been a fully paid member of BI-CC, for a minimum of 2 years.

The BI-CC Committee Member criteria are :-

- A minimum of 2 years of BI-CC continues Membership
- No Criminal Records inc. Stalking or harassment
- No Discrimination against men/women/ethnicity/gender
- Mindful of BI-CC Safeguarding Policies
- Minimum Age 18 plus
- No perusing of self-Interest or personal gain
- Support the Committee and its Members
- Provide Voluntary services to the Members
- Participate in BI-CC's Activities

Companies House – Annual Returns and the **Charity Commission** details are annually updated once the Accounts have been audited, and the new Committee Members / Trustees have been appointed

Committee Members elected for 2024-2025 at the AGM

Mr. Naginbhai Mistry
Mr. Laxmanbhai Patel
Mr. Devjibhai Patel
Mr. Bhupendrabhai Patel
Mr. Rajendrabhai Mistry

Chef Operating Officer (President)*
Chairman*
Vice Chairman*
Treasurer*
Secretary*

Mr. Kishor Bhundia
Mr. Bipin Dave
Mrs. Jayaben Dave
Mrs Jasuben Gorsia
Mrs. Jasuben Varsani
Mrs Kantaben Patel
Mrs Radhaben Meghani
Mrs Bhartiben K Hirani - Coopted Member
Mr Arvindbhai Mistry - Coopted Member
Mr Anilbhai V Patel - Coopted Member

****also act as Trustees of BI-CC***

Company Secretary: Rajendra Mistry

Accountants: D V Shah & Co Ltd.
Chartered Certified Accountants
78 Wembley Park
Wembley, Middx
HA9 8HB

Bankers: NatWest Bank, 127 Kilburn High Road, London NW6 6JL

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE
BRENT INDIAN COMMUNITY CENTRE
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2025

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Brent Indian Community Centre

We report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of Brent Indian Community Centre (the Trust) for the year ended 31 March 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the

Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

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

Independent examiner's statement

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

1. Accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. The accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. The accounts do 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.

We 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



D V Shah & Co Ltd

Chartered Certified Accountants
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Middlesex
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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCORPORATING AN INCOME AND
EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2025

	2025		2024	
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Unrestricted	Restricted
INCOME				
Members Subscription	4530			0
NCIL Project Brent		0		11000
Donation	5673		4180	
Summer Outing	2785		1283	
Kensington Park				200
Wembley Yoga Group				3000
Gift Aid Claim	587		607	
Activity – Income	4443			
Grand National Lottery		47158		
Hiring	27492			
Brent Council		3500		
Total	<u>45510</u>	<u>50658</u>	<u>6070</u>	<u>14200</u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

BRENT INDIAN COMMUNITY CENTRE

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCORPORATING AN INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2025

	2025	2025	2024	2024
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Unrestricted	Restricted
Administrative Expenses				
Entertainment – Celebration of Festival	5047		2920	
Hire of Coaches	3095		2266	
NCIL Project				18500
Insurance	786		737	
Sundry Expenses	3358		1477	
The faith and belief				1450
Activity income	2895			
National Lottery		39885		
Utility –Running Expenses	34947			
TOTAL ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES	<u>50128</u>	<u>39885</u>	<u>7400</u>	<u>19950</u>
Management Expenses				
Accountancy Fees	600		360	
Companies House	13		13	
Solicitors fees	<u>3000</u>		<u>0</u>	
	<u>3613</u>		<u>373</u>	<u>0</u>
Depreciation				
Office Equipment and Computers	<u>3450</u>		<u>1179</u>	
Unrestricted/Restricted	<u>57191</u>	<u>39885</u>	<u>8952</u>	<u>19950</u>
Deficit / Surplus	<u>-11681</u>	<u>10773</u>	<u>-2882</u>	<u>-5750</u>

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCORPORATING AN INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2025

	2025	2024
Income	96168	20270
Expenditure	97076	28902
Deficit	<u>-908</u>	<u>-8632</u>
Accumulated deficit / Surplus b/f	<u>-5034</u>	<u>3598</u>
Accumulated Deficit	<u>-5942</u>	<u>-5034</u>

BRENT INDIAN COMMUNITY CENTRE

BALANCE SHEET

AT 31st MARCH 2025

	2025	2024
	£	£
FIXED ASSETS		
Tangible Fixed Assets	8585	2356
Building Account		
Prepayment	26510	
Cash at Natwest Bank	91886	39398
	<u>118396</u>	<u>39398</u>
Net Current Assets	<u>126981</u>	<u>41754</u>
Current Liabilities		
Sundry Creditors	32,359	360
Total Assets less Current Liabilities	<u>94,622</u>	<u>41,394</u>
Financed by:		
General Fund	59417	1996
Designated Building Fund	35205	39398
TOTAL FUND	<u>94622</u>	<u>41394</u>

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BALANCE SHEET-CONTINUED AT 31st MARCH 2025

The Charitable Company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31st March 2025

The members have not required the charitable company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31st March 2025 in accordance with Section 476 of the companies Act 2006.


The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

- a) Ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with section 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- b) Preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Section 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

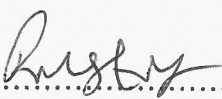
These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of part 15 of the companies Act 2006 relating to small charitable companies.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on

9th July 2025 and were signed on its behalf by:


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Mr Nagindas Mistry – Chairman /Director


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Mr Bhupendra Patel – Treasurer / Director


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Mr Rajendra Mistry – Secretary / Director

BRENT INDIAN COMMUNITY CENTRE NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2025

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) '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 2015)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Income

All incoming resources are included on the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

The value of voluntary services is not recognised as the cost of estimating these exceed any benefits to the users of these financial statements.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the 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.

Building

Building income and expenditure are shown separately. Donation towards the building is shown as "Designated Fund".

Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes. Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.