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Gurdwara (Sikh Temple), Siri Guru Singh Sabha, Crawley, Sussex



Annual report of Siri Guru Singh Sabha, Crawley. (Regd. Charity No:1063786) for the year 2020-21

Siri Guru Singh Sabha, Crawley is an unincorporated registered charity. It is established for religious and charitable purpose and for meeting the wider needs of the community.

Part 1 Summary of general update

Continued unauthorised occupation of our charity's previous premises (Spencers Road) had caused freezing of our potential land sale funds in excess of £1.5 million. Despite being time consuming, tiresome and financially draining, it became evident that we do need to fulfil our legal obligation to safeguard charity assets and hence seek assistance of the court. The main matters contested in the court were: the validity of our current constitution as the governing document of our registered charity and the legal standing of our trustees (Executive Committee) to run our registered charity No. 1063786.

It was fundamentally important to establish the ownership of the site. It is gratifying to record that by the grace Waheguru ji, we as the claimants, won on both the above issues in a 3.5-day trial that took place in March 2020. We can now move on, develop our Ifield Green site as it was conceived way back in January 2012 and meet our charity objectives with sustained vigour. We gratefully acknowledge the Charity Commission's support in allowing us to proceed with Part 8 claim in the court. We also acknowledge the unfading backing of our registered members. We were fairly confident that the democratic decisions that we made would prove to be RIGHT. In the end, it was a victory of RIGHTEOUSNESS and TRUTH. The permanent home of the charity at Ifield Green is now legally confirmed.

Protective security of our more than 7-acre Ifield Green site has been on our mind ever since we bought it. Fortunately, we have been able to benefit from the Home Office Scheme for protective security for Places of Worship. Under this scheme, our first ever such funding last year (2019-20), enabled us to install security fencing that covered almost the entire perimeter of our site. During this reported year (2020-21), we were able to secure further funding of £55,391.60 of which, like the previous year's grant, we were required to contribute 20% of the total funding. With this funding we have been able install Intruder Alarm System, Automatic metal double swing gate and Video Intercom system for entry to the site. We would like to express our deep gratitude to the Home Office for this Scheme and approving our grant application.

At this point, it is imperative to mention the impact of Covid-19 Pandemic on our charity. It forced us to hold back on several major functions. These in turn heavily impacted on our finances. It also constrained our development



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initiatives. However, our congregations, when we were allowed to open our Gurdwara showed mature understanding and responsibility with regard to Covid-19 rules for places of worship. For example, practicing the requirements of individual prayer, hand washing, sanitising hands, wearing face covering, and maintaining social distancing. Our trustees marked specific sitting places and displayed various posters that gave unambiguous direction for entry and exit. All these were very helpful in keeping our people safe from Covid-19 illness in our Gurdwara.

Part 2: Meeting our charity's objectives within the constraints of Covid-19 Pandemic

We have given introductory talks on Sikhism and served prepacked langar, when possible, to be eaten in extensive grounds of our site. We have delivered cooked food to the elderly and homeless people. We have invited our MP, councillors, police, and people of other faiths and shared our values and how we worship. Music is integral part of Sikhism. Listening to kirtan/hymns is always soothing and for those who understand Punjabi, provide uplifting spirituality.

We have been able to celebrate a very limited number of major celebrations.

Commemoration period (December 20th to December 27th) of sacrifices made by our 10th Guru, Guru Gobind Singh Ji and his family including his 4 sons (*age 18,14,9,7 years, the first two in the battle and youngest two being buried alive in a wall for refusing to accept Islam*) for human rights, equality and respect for fellow human beings and against tyranny and injustice, provide moments for deep reflection on what Sikhs stand for. The aforesaid are among the eminent values that define Sikhs.

Classes for learning Punjabi language and religious music could not be continued due to covid-19

The Gurdwara facilitated last rites for a few non-Covid-19 related deaths as per covid-19 rules applicable at that time. We miss the departed souls who contributed so much to our organisation.

The concept of equality is a fundamental value of our faith right from its inception in the 15th Century and remains embedded in our practices in the running of our Gurdwara/Charity.

We continue to practise zero tolerance of the use of alcohol, tobacco and drugs and consumption of all non-veg foods such as meat and meat products, poultry, eggs and fish on our charity premises. We also promote healthy eating.

Development of library is in steady progress.



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Dr Mohindar S Galowalia
President
Siri Guru Singh Sabha, Crawley
Regd. Charity No 1063786

**Detail of our finance is given in our audited accounts for the year 2020-21 This is attached herewith.
Annual Return shall be completed online.**



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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2021

| | | | |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------|-------------------|
| Balance as at 1st April 2020: | HSBC Account 1 | 7,600.77 | |
| | HSBC Account 2 | 3,716.00 | |
| | Trustee Account | 1405.59 | |
| | Grant Account 32027844 | 280.29 | |
| | Savings Account | 68,108.83 | |
| | | | <u>81,111.48</u> |
| Receipts: | Donations | 30,047.57 | |
| | Grant Account | 7,062.00 | |
| | Grant | 5000 | |
| | Bank Loan | 35000 | |
| | Savings Account - Interest | 32.60 | |
| | Grant Account - Interest | 0.63 | |
| | Direct Debit | 14,336.00 | |
| | Gift Aid | 20,920.08 | |
| | Interest Free Loans | 12,125.00 | |
| | | | <u>124,523.88</u> |
| | | | <u>205,635.36</u> |
| Payments: | Insurance Building | 2,160.05 | |
| | Electric & Gas Bill | 5,551.14 | |
| | Solicitor's Fee | 104,657.82 | |
| | Telephone Bill | 562.42 | |
| | Water Bill | 55.22 | |
| | Kirtan Pathis | 1,300.00 | |
| | Wages | 4,900.00 | |
| | Building Maintenance | 19,345.10 | |
| | Interest Free Loan Return | 300.00 | |
| | Accountant | 100.00 | |
| | Survey Fee | 2,800.00 | |
| | Langer | 609.50 | |
| | Misc | 1,943.00 | |
| | | | <u>144,284.25</u> |
| | | | <u>19,760.37</u> |
| | <i>Defecit for the Year</i> | | |
| Balance as at 31st March 2021: | | | <u>61,351.11</u> |
| Represented by: | HSBC Account 1 | 23,940.06 | |
| | HSBC Account 2 | 1,929.00 | |
| | Grant Account | 3,810.02 | |
| | Savings Account | 31,672.03 | |
| | | | <u>61,351.11</u> |
| Additional: | Interest Free Loan Outstanding | 110,283.84 | |
| | Banl Loan Outstanding | 35,000.00 | |
| | Cash in Hand | 61,351.11 | |
| | Deficit | 83,932.73 | |



Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name
SIRI GURU SINGH SABHA

On accounts for the year
ended

31st MARCH 2021

Charity no
(if any)

1063786

Set out on pages

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Respective
responsibilities of
trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent
examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent
examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have not been met ; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:

P K McKenna

Date:

26 May 2021

Name:

P K McKenna

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

Member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Scotland

Address:

25 Green Lane, Northgate, Crawley, West Sussex, RH10 8JX

SIRI GURU SINGH SABHA**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR
ENDED 31st MARCH 2021**

| | | | |
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| Balance at 1st April 2020 | Trustee Account | 1,405.59 | |
| | Savings Account | 68,108.83 | |
| | HSBC Account No 1 | 7,600.77 | |
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| | Grant Account | 280.29 | |
| | | | 81,111.48 |

RECEIPTS

| | | |
|-----------------------------|-----------|------------|
| Donations | 51,445.57 | |
| West Sussex community grant | 5,000.00 | |
| Gift Aid | 20,920.08 | |
| Interest free loans | 12,125.00 | |
| Bank loan | 35,000.00 | |
| Interest | 33.23 | |
| | | 124,523.88 |

PAYMENTS

| | | |
|---------------------------|------------|------------|
| Insurance | 2,160.05 | |
| Accountancy | 100.00 | |
| Survey fee | 2,800.00 | |
| Water | 55.22 | |
| Interest free loan return | 300.00 | |
| Building maintenance | 19,345.10 | |
| Electricity and gas | 5,551.14 | |
| Solicitors fees | 104,657.82 | |
| Telephone | 562.42 | |
| Kirtan Pathis | 1,300.00 | |
| Langer | 609.50 | |
| Wages and NI | 4,900.00 | |
| Miscellaneous | 1,943.00 | |
| | | 144,284.25 |

Deficit for year -19,760.37

Balance at 31st March 2021 61,351.11

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Note

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|---------------------------------|-----------|
| Interest free loans outstanding | 110283.84 |
| | ===== |
| Bank loan outstanding | 35000.00 |
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