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



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**Annual report of Siri Guru Singh Sabha, Crawley. (Regd. Charity No:1063786)  
For the year 2022-23**

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**

Ever since the move in 2015 from its previous premises known as Spencers Road, the charity has suffered both financially and on a practical level and been forced to litigate in order to obtain its asset. In spite of an agreement to vacate, the property at Spencers Road in February 2022, it was still left occupied by the previous claimants and the Charity has been forced to spend further funds on gaining an Eviction order which is ongoing. This continued unauthorised occupation of our charity has caused freezing of our potential land sale funds in excess of £2 million. The main matters contested in the court were: the validity of our current constitution as the governing document of the charity and the legal standing of our trustees (Executive Committee) to run the registered charity 1063786 and a High Court Judge ruled in our favour on both counts.

Our intentions to develop our Ifield Green site as it was conceived way back in January 2012 and meet our charity objectives with sustained vigour have yet to materialise as we still have an ongoing legal battle to evict the current occupants. The Charity has consulted with 3 architects who were very hopeful of our intentions to develop/extend our site to accommodate our increase in both members and the congregation. In spite, of the expenditure on litigation, the Charity is going from strength to strength and we have had to make temporary arrangements in the form of a lean to Veranda to accommodate the increase in numbers.

**Part 2: Meeting our charity's objectives**

We have continued to educate and raise awareness of the Sikh faith through introductory talks on Sikhism to local schools, scout groups, councillor, Interfaith Crawley and other interested individuals and organisations. We hosted the Crawley Interfaith Group and this was one of the most interesting and enlightening experiences for all concerned. We have built good relations with the West Sussex Police and the National Crime Agency and continue our educational programme on an ongoing basis.

Our work in the local community has gone from strength to strength and we have maintained good relations with a number of local voluntary organisations and other charitable organisations. We endeavour to continue to build on these and continue to send out prepacked cooked meals to the Homeless in Crawley and our own vulnerable and elderly. We continue our work with the Gatwick Detention Centre and now have a member of our Sikh community volunteering his services on the Internal Monitoring Board for the Centre. We have also continued to provide clothing through the Gatwick Detention Centre Welfare Group.

The Charity continues its efforts to promote healthy living and regularly invites visiting speakers from the local Well-being Team, the NHS and the Gurdwara encourage active living. Our ladies have actively taken part in aqua aerobics, swimming and exercise classes. The Charity has promoted care in the community through raising awareness of Dementia, Diabetes, Alternative therapies and Hypertension and Heart Disease. We encourage and promote Carers Support



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West Sussex and the Alzheimer's Society and NHS to come and give educational presentations and provide information and support to our community.

The Gurdwara is proud to report that we are going from strength to strength showing a positive increase in membership and visitors. Classes for learning Punjabi language and music continues, along with other initiatives to encourage and educate our younger members to learn and participate.

The concept of equality is a fundamental value of our faith right from its inception in the 15<sup>th</sup> Century and remains embedded in our practices in the running of our Gurdwara/Charity. To this end, the Charity promotes and welcomes members of all faiths into the Gurdwara.

The Sikh faith encourages sport and the Gurdwara has sporting facilities which are open to the local community. We recently embarked on a closer association with Wasps Club who are a ladies only football club based in Crawley and much like us serve communities from across the spectrum. They are regularly using our facilities for their training. We have encouraged our children/members to participate in regular football matches, and invited the community to use our grounds and tennis courts. The Gurdwara prides itself in having an open door policy for all members of all communities, religions and races.

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.

Development of library is in steady progress and we have now doubled the number of books available to our members/congregation to use. We continue to inspire our members to read historical literature and have providing translated versions of stories and the Guru Granth Sahib Ji, to develop a better understanding of the teachings.

Jasvinder K Johal  
President  
Siri Guru Singh Sabha, Crawley  
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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2023

**Balance as at 1st April 2022:**

<b>Represented by:</b>	HSBC Account 1	£26,794.74	
	HSBC Account 2	£8,832.00	
	Grant Account 32027844	£662.25	
	Savings Account	£81,684.23	
	Natwest Loan	£96,823.79	
		<u>£21,149.43</u>	
<b>Receipts:</b>	Donations	£96,080.45	
	Case Settlement	£93,691.85	
	Deposit Return WSCC	£5,750.00	
	Interest	£662.87	
	Grant Acc	£904.10	
	Gift Aid	£8,368.89	
	Solicitor Return	£2,406.00	
		<u>£207,864.16</u>	
			<u>£229,013.59</u>

<b>Payments:</b>	Insurance Building	£1,606.73	
	Natwest loan Interest	£5,064.21	
	Electric & Gas Bill	£16,581.14	
	Solicitor's Fee	£82,949.56	
	Telephone Bill	£517.59	
	Water Bill	£56.74	
	Kirtan Pathis	£6,895.00	
	Interest Free Loan Return	£15,000.00	
	Bank Charges	£384.31	
	Building Maintenance	£13,476.58	
	Wages and NI	£15,140.00	
	Langer	£933.00	
	Misc	£4,741.20	
		<u>£163,346.06</u>	

*Surplus/Defecit for the Year*

£44,518.10

**Balance as at 31st March 2023:** £65,667.53

<b>Represented by:</b>	HSBC Account 1	£21,263.78	
	HSBC Account 2	£1,243.00	
	Grant Account	£366.35	
	Savings Account	£86,755.11	
	Natwest Loan	-43960.71	
		<u>£65,667.53</u>	
<b>Additional:</b>	Interest Free Loan Outstanding	£96,000.00	
	Bank Loan Outstanding	£43,960.71	
	Cash in Hand	£65,667.53	
	Deficit	<u>£74,293.18</u>	



# 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**

31<sup>st</sup> MARCH 2023

**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:**

5 May 2023

**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 2023**

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**RECEIPTS**

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**PAYMENTS**

Insurance	1,606.73	
Natwest loan interest	5,064.21	
Water	56.74	
Interest free loan return	15,000.00	
Bank charges	384.31	
Building maintenance	13,476.58	
Electricity and gas	16,581.14	
Solicitors fees	82,949.56	
Telephone	517.59	
Kirtan Pathis	6,895.00	
Langer	933.00	
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**Note**

Interest free loans outstanding 96000.00

P. K. M. Kerna  
5/5/2023