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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 2023-24**

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 Spencer Road, the charity has suffered both financially and on a practical level and been forced to litigate to obtain its asset. In spite of High Court Judge ruling in our favour, the defendants of that case left the property occupied. The Charity has been forced to spend further funds on gaining an Eviction order which is ongoing. This continued unauthorised occupation of our charity's assets has caused freezing of our potential land sale funds in excess of £2 million. The current defendants are claiming they have a right to the property based on the fact that they have contributed to the upkeep of the property since 1983. We are awaiting the decision from a London Court in the very near future.

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. 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, councillors, Interfaith Crawley and other interested individuals and organisations. We have opened our doors to all the requests from schools in Sussex and Surrey and there has been an increase in demand since Covid. To make it easier for those schools who cannot visit, we go out to the schools to accommodate their needs. We have built good relations with the West Sussex Police and the National Crime Agency and continue our educational program on an ongoing basis. Recently we have hosted the Sherriff of West Sussex, Crawley Mayor along with other Councillors. We were privileged to have a visit from the Lord Lieutenant Lady Emma Barnard last year.

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. In particular, we encourage and collaborate on a lot of health/well-being issues with the Carers Support, Crawley Community Action Group and Alzheimer's Society. 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.



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The Charity continues its efforts to promote healthy living through educating our congregation through visiting speakers from the local Well Being Team and active living. Our ladies have actively taken part in aqua aerobics, swimming and exercise classes. In July of this year we co-hosted a Health Expo in our grounds for the community of Crawley and surrounding areas. This was exceptionally well received and very successful. In September, of this year, we organised a well-being day for our members and this included health talks, playing games, meditation and exercise classes, followed by a highlight of healthy high tea. 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 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. We held Sikhi Camps and also worked with Ifield Scouts Groups and hosted 2 Fireworks displays, one for our own community and one for the wider community of Crawley and both were immensely successful.

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.

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 AFC Crawley 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. We also promote healthy eating.

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  
Regd. Charity No 1063786



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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2024

<b>Balance as at 1st April 2023:</b>		HSBC Account 1	£21,263.78	
		HSBC Account 2	£1,243.00	
		Grant Account 32027844	£366.35	
		Savings Account	£86,755.11	
				<u>£109,628.24</u>
<b>Receipts:</b>		Donations	£125,246.48	
		Savings Account	£43,772.86	
		Grant Acc	£915.18	
		Gift Aid	£35,925.85	
				<u>£205,860.37</u>
				<u>£315,488.61</u>
<b>Payments:</b>		Insurance Building	£1,993.20	
		Electric & Gas Bill	£18,952.48	
		Solicitor's Fee	£23,192.83	
		Telephone Bill	£778.88	
		Water Bill	£251.15	
		Kirtan Pathis	£3,000.00	
		Kirtan Jatha	£3,460.00	
		Interest Free Loan Return	£20,000.00	
		Natwest Loan Return	£45,368.45	
		Bank Charges	£421.32	
		Building Maintenance	£9,332.93	
		Wages	£10,828.40	
		Giani NI	£1,039.72	
		Langer	£3,974.42	
		Misc (Accountant, Cleaning, External Visits etc)	£3,788.23	
				<u>£146,382.01</u>
<i>Surplus/Defecit for the Year</i>				<u>£59,478.36</u>
<b>Balance as at 31st March 2024:</b>				<u>£169,106.60</u>
<b>Represented by:</b>		HSBC Account 1	£26,521.11	
		HSBC Account 2	£5,775.99	
		Grant Account	£1,281.53	
		Savings Account	£135,527.97	
				<u>£169,106.60</u>
<b>Additional:</b>		Interest Free Loan Outstanding	£76,000.00	
		Cash in Hand	£169,106.60	
				<u>£93,106.60</u>



## Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/  
members of

SIRI GURU SINGH SABHA

On accounts for the year  
ended

31<sup>st</sup> MARCH 2024

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:

29 April 2024

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 2024**

Balance at 1st April 2023	Savings Account	86,755.11	
	HSBC Account No 1	21,263.78	
	HSBC Account No 2	1,243.00	
	Grant Account	366.35	
	NatWest loan	-43,960.71	
			65,667.53

**RECEIPTS**

Donations	167,253.48	
Gift Aid	35,925.85	
Interest	1,765.86	
Grant account	915.18	
		205,860.37

**PAYMENTS**

Insurance	1,993.20	
Natwest loan interest	1,407.74	
Water	251.15	
Interest free loan return	20,000.00	
Bank charges	421.32	
Building maintenance	9,332.93	
Electricity and gas	18,952.48	
Solicitors fees	23,192.83	
Telephone	778.88	
Kirtan Pathis	3,000.00	
Kirtan Jatha	3,460.00	
Langer	3,974.42	
Wages and NI	11,868.12	
Miscellaneous	3,788.23	
		102,421.30

Surplus for year 103,439.07

Balance at 31st March 2024 169,106.60

Represented by:

HSBC Account No 1	26,521.11
HSBC Account No 2	5,775.99
Savings Account	135,527.97
Grant Account	1,281.53
	169,106.60

**Note**

Interest free loans outstanding 76000.00

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