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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 2024-2025

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. Finally, having been forced into 3 rounds of litigation, the litigation ended in September 2024 and we were able to recover our property at Spencer's Road. The Charity was also successful in recovering 86% of its legal cost expenditure. There has been an enormous sense of relief amongst the Sabha members and the Holding and Management Trustees of the Charity. The Charity is thriving once again and has paid off all its loans and borrowed money. The Charity now has a positive balance. The Charity is currently looking at seeking planning permission for a development project to enhance the value of the site at Spencer's Road. The intention is to maximise the value of this site in order to fund the development of the Gurdwara at Ifield Green. The Charity has appointed an architect to look at developing both sites and an application will be submitted in the very near future. The Sabha has waited a long time and we are hopeful that our long-awaited plans to extend the site at Ifield Green will go ahead in the foreseeable future. Our congregation continues to grow and the Charity is considering temporary measures to meet the needs of our congregation. In the interim period the Charity is looking to extend the Porch to accommodate a safe area for the removal of shoes and upgrade the veranda to ensure it is both safe and meets the needs of the Charity on a temporary basis.

Part 2: Meeting our charity's objectives

The Trustees and the Management Committee have had due regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit. In particular the charity has provided public benefit in relation to the advancement of religion and of community development particularly through its education and youth activities which involve all members of the local community.

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. There has been a huge increase in the number of requests from schools wanting to visit our Gurdwara. We have willingly accommodated all of these schools/scout visits. Some schools struggle with organising trips to the Gurdwara and in these situations we have arranged our volunteers to go out to these schools. Our relations have gone from strength to strength with the Local Council, West Sussex Police and the National Crime Agency and we continue our educational program on an ongoing basis to these organisation. At our yearly Vaisakhi Celebration in April of this year were honoured and privileged to have the Lord Lieutenant of West Sussex and the Sherriff of West Sussex, and representatives from various local charities and local Councillors visit our Gurdwara. We continue to network and support other local charities and this year raised funds to support a local Hospice, St Catherine's Hospice. Very recently, we have also raised funds to support the 'Sikh Games'



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which aims to encourage Sikhs to play and participate in sport and games. We hope one day, to be able to host these games at our site.

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/wellbeing issues with the Crawley Well Being Team, Carers Support, and Alzheimer's Society. We work closely with the Police and Crawley Borough Council and representatives from the Management Committee attend the Crawley Ambassadors Meetings and the Positive Engagement meeting hosted by the Crawley Police. In addition the Charity has committed to providing 30 – 60 meals per week to the homeless in Crawley and our own vulnerable and elderly.

The Charity continues its efforts to promote healthy living through educating our congregation through visiting speakers. 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 as well as the NHS to come and give educational presentations and provide information and support to our community.

The Charity 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 a 'Hola Mohalla' event in March of this year and this was well attended by locals and visiting organisations and stall holders.

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.

The Sikh faith encourages sport and the Gurdwara has sporting facilities which are open to the local community. Our fields have been used by a local team, Three Bridges Football Club for over 3 years and this was very successful. Unfortunately, the Charity has been unable to bring the football pitches or the tennis courts to the required standards for larger clubs to use. However, we have encouraged local teams, 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 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 our 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 provide 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 (Registered Charity No 1063786)



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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR YESR END 31 MARCH 2025

Balance as at 1st April 2024:		HSBC Account 1	£26,521.11
		HSBC Account 2	£5,775.99
		Grant Account 32027844	£1,281.53
		Savings Account	£135,527.97
			<u>£169,106.60</u>
Receipts:		Donations	£145,770.09
		Savings Account	£5,395.53
		Grant Acc	£922.25
		Case Settlement	£124,134.38
		Gift Aid	£49,082.45
			<u>£325,304.70</u>
			<u>£494,411.30</u>
Payments:		Insurance Building	£2,077.20
		Electric & Gas Bill	£17,788.03
		Solicitor's Fee	£167,209.43
		Telephone Bill	£680.94
		Water Bill	£87.27
		Kirtan Pathis (Akhand Path)	£3,240.00
		Kirtan Jatha (Tabla/Sadarn Path)	£4,455.00
		Interest Free Loan Return	£86,000.00
		Loan Giani Ji (Surrinder Singh)	£3,000.00
		Bank Charges	£391.23
		Building Maintenance	£16,342.35
		Wages	£15,159.20
		Giani NI	£55.32
		Langer	£8,029.00
		Misc (Accountant, Cleaning, External Visits etc)	£14,502.10
		Enforcement Service	£7,298.51
		Architect Fee	£450.00
		Card Machine	£520.00
		Gift Aid Return	£22,835.99
			<u>£370,121.57</u>
			<u>£44,816.87</u>
			<u>£124,289.73</u>
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Balance as at 31st March 2025:			<u>£124,289.73</u>
Represented by:		HSBC Account 1	£2,124.36
		HSBC Account 2	£989.07
		Grant Account	£252.78
		Savings Account	£120,923.52
			<u>£124,289.73</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

31st MARCH 2025

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:

Date:

23 April 2025

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 2025**

Balance at 1st April 2024	Savings Account	135,527.97	
	HSBC Account No 1	26,521.11	
	HSBC Account No 2	5,775.99	
	Grant Account	1,281.53	
			169,106.60

RECEIPTS

Donations	148,748.82	
Gift Aid	49,082.45	
Interest	2,416.80	
Grant account	922.25	
Case settlement	124,134.38	
		325,304.70

PAYMENTS

Insurance	2,077.20	
Loan	3,000.00	
Water	87.27	
Interest free loan return	86,000.00	
Bank charges	391.23	
Building maintenance	16,342.35	
Electricity and gas	17,788.03	
Solicitors fees	167,209.43	
Telephone	680.94	
Kirtan Pathis	3,240.00	
Kirtan Jatha	4,455.00	
Langer	8,029.00	
Wages and NI	15,214.52	
Miscellaneous	14,502.10	
Enforcement service	7,298.51	
Architect fee	450.00	
Card machine	520.00	
Gift Aid return	22,835.99	
		370,121.57

Deficit for year -44,816.87

Balance at 31st March 2025 124,289.73

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8/6/2025