



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

	Period start date			T o	Period end date		
	Day 01	Month 01	Year 2020		Day 31	Month 12	Year 2020
From							

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

Sri Gangamata Gaudiya Math

Other names charity is known by

The Bhakti Yoga Centre

Registered charity number (if any)

1123514

Charity's principal address

631 Forest Road

London

Postcode

E17 4NE

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1 Ly Luft	Chair, Treasurer		
2 Rakesh Guran	Trustee		
3 Denise McFarland	Trustee		
4 Benjamin Ball	Trustee		
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Constitution adopted 1 January 2008 Amended 1 September 2010 Amended by resolution 10 June 2020
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Trust
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Trustees are appointed and reappointed at the General Meeting

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

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You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

Section C

Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

THE PROVISION OF A SPIRITUAL AND CULTURAL COMMUNITY CENTRE, IN ORDER TO ADVANCE AND IMPROVE COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT (DIFFERENT AGE GROUPS AND CULTURAL BACKGROUNDS ETC), WITH THE AIMS OF PROMOTING HARMONY AND RESPECT BASED ON A SPIRITUAL UNDERSTANDING AND REALISING ONE'S ETERNAL RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD. TO PROMOTE A POSITIVE CONSCIOUSNESS THROUGH HEALTHY LIVING WORKSHOPS AND EDUCATIONAL COURSES ON VEDIC PHILOSOPHY.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

We are a spiritual, cultural community centre with weekly programs covering two main themes:
Education and Healthy Living

Education:

- educative and informative workshops on ancient Vedic wisdom
- music workshops
- art workshops
- children workshop

Healthy Living:

- cooking courses
- food distribution
- yoga courses
- meditation

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

We had a positive outlook for the start of 2020. Our regular programs at the centre were running smoothly. In the beginning of March the pandemic was looming and we took a decision to be conscious of the possible effect of the Covid and closed the centre for one month. On the 23rd of March however the government announced a national lockdown. Due to the Covid restrictions we were not able to comply with the regulations and therefore the centre has remained closed for the rest of the year. We adapted to the situation by arranging some outdoor programs. In September and October we began outdoor Mantra Meditation and Kirtan events and also hired places suitable for our Sunday Nama Hatta events and Yoga workshops. These proved to be very successful with new people. We received a lot of positive feedback especially because the guests were feeling quite despondent due to the Covid restrictions and it gave opportunity to get together. However the second lockdown was announced in the beginning of November and therefore these events had to be stopped also. Since the beginning of December we began a series of Zoom programs. The regular programs we had at the centre namely Yoga meditation and Vedic discussion we replicated in a Zoom style format. This provided an opportunity to keep regular programs running and created a workshop style space for new people to get involved in yoga and meditation from the comfort of their own home. It's a stable format that is not effected by the Covid restrictions or the weather. So we are looking into keeping this until the foreseeable future. In December we re-established our Prasad distribution service posting healthy tasty vegetarian snacks to our community members and new people. This was received so well. We had many people writing back to us and also sending donations.

Due to the volatile year we tried to innovate by employing people in different areas to accommodate our new outdoor programs and events online. However we had to put them on furlough when the lockdowns happened and due to the centre being closed.

The board of trustees changed. First of all Benjamin Ball joined as a trustee in October and in the beginning of November Rakesh Guran stepped down from being the chairman. In the beginning of November Ly Luft took the position of Chairman.

The Skegness retreat project was confirmed at the beginning of November when a lease for the land was arranged and put in the charity's name. We had 4 days of meetings to discuss the project and assume the necessary boundaries and the maintenance of the area. We discussed ideas of the retreat concept. It was decided that we will investigate into the appropriate planning for small glamping style accommodation to be put up around the pond and a possible barn to be erected.

Looking into the new year 2021, we are a little apprehensive due to the experiences of 2020. Therefore we have decided to continue with our zoom programs and keep aware of the current policy's suggested for the pandemic. The centre will remain closed and the employees will be kept on furlough until such a time as when we can safely re-open the centre.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

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Details of any funds materially in deficit

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Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

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Section F

Other optional information

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Section G

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

L. Luft

Full name(s)

Ly Luft

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

Chair

Date 28/07/2020



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name

Sri Gangamata Gaudiya Math

No (if any)

1123514

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

Period start date

01/01/2020

To

Period end date

31/12/2020

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Membership (regular donations)	41,768	-	-	41,768	5,742
Bank (one off) donations	29,670	-	-	29,670	10,138
IZettle donations	838	-	-	838	3,360
Paypal donations	10,447	-	-	10,447	-
Cash donations	37,748	-	-	37,748	62,070
Rental income	1,125	-	-	1,125	-
HMRC JRS Grant	23,742	-	-	23,742	-
L B Waltham Forest (LRS Grant)	1,334	-	-	1,334	-
interest	54	-	-	54	3
Gift-aid donation	20,110	-	-	20,110	14,024
Renumeration from the land in India	- 0	-	-	-	35,000
	- 0	-	-	-	-
Sub total(Gross income for AR)	166,836	-	-	166,836	130,335
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	- 0	- 0	- 0	-	- 0
	- 0	- 0	- 0	-	- 0
Sub total	- 0	- 0	- 0	-	- 0
Total receipts	166,836	- 0	- 0	166,836	130,335
A3 Payments					
Insurance	196	-	-	196	195
Paid staff	46,377	-	-	46,377	28,000
Advertising of the centre	1,050	-	-	1,050	1,700
Festivals - advertising/ hall payment	1,525	-	-	1,525	2,895
Festivals - special events	- 0	-	-	-	9,500
Festivals - food & general	4,970	-	-	4,970	8,020
Festivals - decorations, drama preps, staff	400	-	-	400	910
Meditation/ Kirtan workshops	1,840	-	-	1,840	4,220
Food for all' program	3,300	-	-	3,300	9,660
Sunday / Tuesday Yoga	2,600	-	-	2,600	1,820
Sunday Sat-Sang/ Sunday Nama-Hatta	2,710	-	-	2,710	10,085
Sunday children workshops	630	-	-	630	2,570
Workshop: Spiritual Art	600	-	-	600	-
Zoom festivals	800	-	-	800	-
Wed, Holistic Bhakti Zoom	500	-	-	500	-
Saturday, food posting	800	-	-	800	-
Sun, Bhakti zoom	400	-	-	400	-
HMRC Paye (Tax for employment)	3,075	-	-	3,075	-
Printing of brochures	2,000	-	-	2,000	-
Company lap top computer	1,000	-	-	1,000	-
Company Desk	150	-	-	150	-
Company Desk chair	100	-	-	100	-
Company Printer	450	-	-	450	-
Company Filing cabinet	300	-	-	300	-
Company Files &subsideries	200	-	-	200	-
Skegness project - BM meeting, accommodati	2,000	-	-	2,000	-
Skegness project - BM meeting, travel cost	500	-	-	500	-
Fencing and work compensation	3,500	-	-	3,500	-
Company Industrial Lawn mower	1,200	-	-	1,200	-
Hedging	3,000	-	-	3,000	-
Hedging - Work compensation	700	-	-	700	-
Paypal Payment (Purchase of spiritual books)	972	-	-	972	36
Transferwise (HK export - book shipping)	1,255	-	-	1,255	-

Business rates	162	-	-	162	-
	- 0	-	-	-	-
Workshop - teacher training	- 0	-	-	-	500
Gurudeva Tirobhav - venue deposit	- 0	-	-	-	200
Kench Hill Charity, Gurudeva Tirobhav	- 0	-	-	-	2,450
	- 0	-	-	-	-
	- 0	-	-	-	-
	- 0	-	-	-	-
	- 0	-	-	-	-
Sub total	89,263	-	-	89,263	82,760
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	- 0	- 0	- 0	-	
	- 0	- 0	- 0	-	
Sub total	- 0	- 0	- 0	-	- 0
Total payments	89,263	- 0	- 0	89,263	82,760
Net of receipts/(payments)	77,572	-	-	77,572	47,575
A5 Transfers between funds	- 0	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	62,917	-	-	62,917	15,342
Cash funds this year end	140,489	-	-	140,489	62,917

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	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
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Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature		Print Name	Date of approval
	L Luft		Ly Luft	28/7/21



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Charity Name
Sri Gangamata Gaudiya Math

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31st December 2020

**Charity no
(if any)**

1123514

Set out on pages

Receipts and Payments accounts

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

**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 material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed: S Vera

Date: 20/07/2020

Name: Satyavati Devi Vera

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

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Address:

Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.