



## Trustees' Annual Report for the period

	Period start date			T o	Period end date		
	Day 01	Month 01	Year 2022		Day 31	Month 12	Year 2022
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	Denise McFarland	Trustee		
3	Enio Lopes Araujo	Trustee	01/04/22	
4	Tarcisio Piucco	Trustee	17/05/22	
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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 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 ect), 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

The programs and workshops established after the July of 2021 continued into 2022 with no problems. We had a large increase in nam-hatta programs in different areas of the UK. The increase was from one program a month to a weekly program. We met new people in different areas of the UK especially in Lincolnshire and were able to liaise with different communities sharing the same ethics and values. This is proving to be a great outreach project, especially after the increase in isolation people felt after the covid pandemic. We especially received positive feedback from the older members of society, who told us they were very grateful to receive us in their homes and delighted in the delicious preparations of vegetarian snacks. They were happy to have kirtan in their homes and invite friends and neighbours for the event.

From February we started the Bhakti retreats in Skegness. We were limited to invite the general public due to the house being of residential use age. However these monthly programs started to prove to be of great value for us. It gave practical experience in arranging and organising retreats, based on 10 guests, over a 3 day period. We were able to arrange appropriate retreats using the Vedic calendars festivals and events. We made corresponding workshops and classes over the long weekend or 3 day event. We also had practical experience on how to arrange the meals ; breakfast, lunch and evening meal and accommodation, cleaning the rooms, arranging for bedding etc. We received helpful feedback from the guests regarding the programs, meals, pricing etc. which we have taken into consideration and we received donations from the guests.

There was change in the board of trustees. In April Benjamin Ball left the board and was replaced by Enio Lopes Araujo. In May we received a new member of the board namely Tarcisio Piucco.

Leading up to April 2023 we started to see flaws in the plans to build a retreat venue in Skegness. It was a project way over the charities budget and means and after careful consideration the board decided it was too much of a risk to continue with the project but instead to look into acquiring a new property that had the facility already. In April the decision was made to research a suitable property for retreats. In this regard we received a promise of a substantial donation towards the new property. In June we found a retreat centre in Wales with a farm house two renovated cottages and a yoga barn, we agreed that this was what we were looking for and made an offer. That offer was accepted in July 2022.

We started the process of looking for a charity mortgage and we received the confirmation of that in October 2022 with the Co-op bank. The summary of the year was after some confusion as to how to financially build the retreat centre in Skegness we made the bold decision to look for a new property with the help of a promised donation and guarantor.

## 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

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**Full name(s)** Ly Luft

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**Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)**

Chair

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**Date** 22/03/2023



**CHARITY COMMISSION**  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name	No (if any)
Sri Gangamata Gaudiya Math	1123514

## Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date	To	Period end date
	1/1/22		31/12/22

### Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>				
Membership (regular) donations	36,875	-	-	36,875
Bank (one off) donations	41,577	-	-	41,577
Paypal donations	6,274	-	-	6,274
Cash donations	50,067	-	-	50,067
Rental income	46,999	-	-	46,999
HMRC JRS Grant	- 0	-	-	-
Interest	46	-	-	46
Gift aid	27,532	-	-	27,532
	- 0	-	-	-
	- 0	-	-	-
	- 0	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>209,370</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>209,370</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>				
	- 0	- 0	- 0	-
	- 0	- 0	- 0	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>- 0</b>	<b>- 0</b>	<b>- 0</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>209,370</b>	<b>- 0</b>	<b>- 0</b>	<b>209,370</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>				
Insurance	232	-	-	232
Business rates	494	-	-	494
HMRC Paye/NIC Cumb	1,756	-	-	1,756
Paid staff	73,236	-	-	73,236
Zoom: festivals	- 0	-	-	-
Sun, Bhakti zoom: Gurudeva memories	- 0	-	-	-
advertising	900	-	-	900
Yoga	- 0	-	-	-
Zoom Yoga: mon, wed, fri	3,900	-	-	3,900
Kirtan programs	4,070	-	-	4,070
Food for all / Food posting	11,750	-	-	11,750
Sunday Sat Sang	5,420	-	-	5,420
Festivals	9,456	-	-	9,456
Nama-hatta	2,500	-	-	2,500
Other workshops/ Bhakti retreats	2,700	-	-	2,700
Bank charges	263	-	-	263
Invoices	8,826	-	-	8,826
	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>125,503</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>125,503</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>				
	- 0	- 0	- 0	-
	- 0	- 0	- 0	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>- 0</b>	<b>- 0</b>	<b>- 0</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>125,503</b>	<b>- 0</b>	<b>- 0</b>	<b>125,503</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>83,867</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>83,867</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>- 0</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>197,247</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>197,247</b>



Cash funds this year end	281,114	-	-	281,114
Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period				
Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	
		to nearest £	to nearest £	
B1 Cash funds		-	-	
		-	-	
		-	-	
	Total cash funds	-	-	
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	Agreement Error	OK	
		Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	
		to nearest £	to nearest £	
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	
		-	-	
		-	-	
		-	-	
		-	-	
		-	-	
	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	
B3 Investment assets			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	
	L. Luft	Ly Luft	

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Last year
to the nearest £
46,632
10,535
8,315
46,068
29,438
49,291
7
22,428
-
-
212,716
- 0
- 0
212,716
196
1,063
1,516
69,740
200
300
1,100
1,840
4,890
7,850
10,350
3,200
2,720
550
- 0
- 0
50,443
-
155,958
- 0
155,958
56,758
-
140,489

197,247
Endowment funds
to nearest £
-
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-
-
OK
Endowment funds
to nearest £
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Current value (optional)
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Current value (optional)
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When due (optional)

Date of approval
22/03/2023



**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 2022

**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:** 22/03/23

**Name:** Satyavati Devi Vera

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**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).

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