

GURU NANAK SIKH TEMPLE (SCUNTHORPE)

England & Wales · Charity number 1155573

Details

Other names GNST

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 2014-01-30

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: THE OBJECTS:-THE GURU NANAK SIKH TEMPLE (SCUNTHORPE)OBJECTS (THE "OBJECTS" ARE TO ADVANCE THE SIKH RELIGION FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PUBLIC IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE RELIGIOUS TENETS AND DOCTRINES ATTACHED THERETO" AND THE GURU NANAK SIKH TEMPLE (SCUNTHORPE)SHALL HAVE THE FOLLOWING POWERS EXERCISABLE IN FURTHERANCE OF ITS SAID OBJECTS BUT NOT OTHERWISE, NAMELY:(1)TO WORK FOR THE SPIRITUAL UPLIFT AND MENTAL PURITY OF THOSE WHO HAVE FAITH IN THE SRI GURU GRANTH SAHIB JI AND THE TEN GURUS.(2)TO HOLD CONGREGATIONS FOR THE WORSHIP AND TEACHINGS OF RELIGIOUS TENETS AND DOCTRINES.(3)TO ARRANGE FOR MARRIAGE CEREMONIES ACCORDING TO THE RITES AND RITUALS OF THE SIKH RELIGION AND THE PREVAILING LAW OF ENGLAND AND WALES.(4)TO ARRANGE FOR CEREMONIAL BAPTISM(AMRIT/KHANDE DI PAHUL).(5)TO ORGANISE SPECIAL RELIGIOUS FUNCTIONS ON THE IMPORTANT OCCASIONS LIKE BIRTHDAYS AND MARTYRDOM DAYS(SHAHIDI GURPURBS)OF THE SIKH GURUS.(6)TO PREACH THE MESSAGE TO THE NON SIKH COMMUNITY ON THE SIKH WAY OF WORSHIP AND LIFE,BY DISTRIBUTING LITERATURE IN ENGLISH AND OTHER LANGUAGES ON THE LIVES AND TEACHINGS OF THE SIKH GURUS. (7)TO ARRANGE AND PROVIDE FACILITIES FOR THE EDUCATION FOR THE SIKH COMMUNITY INTERESTED IN PUNJABI AND ENGLISH.(8)TO ENCOURAGE AND PROVIDE FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR THE SIKH COMMUNITY TO PARTICIPATE IN RELIGIOUS SPORTS AND SOCIAL ACTIVITIES ORGANISED BY THE COMMITTEE.

Activities: Spiritual wellbeing of the Sikh Community including regular prayers and worship.Celebrate special occasions including important religious dates, births, marriages, funerals and support bereaved

families. Education, sports and social activities. Meals to develop community spirit and cohesion. Fund raising for good causes. Other activities that further Sikh teachings and ethos.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Other Finance, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space
- **What:** Education/training, Religious Activities
- **Who:** People Of A Particular Ethnic Or Racial Origin, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** SCUNTHORPE
- North Lincolnshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-01-31	£108,199	£139,463	-	-
2024-01-31	£84,531	£60,831	-	-
2023-01-31	£96,738	£62,023	-	-
2022-01-31	£71,099	£56,084	-	-
2021-01-31	£48,443	£94,543	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Kulwinder Kaur Athwal		2023-10-19
Sukhdev Singh		2020-01-03
Sukhjinder Kaur Chatha		2023-10-19
Taranpreet Singh Nijjar		2023-10-19

GURU NANAK SIKH TEMPLE (SCUNTHORPE)

England & Wales - Charity number 1155573

Accounts



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1 February 2024 to 31 January 2025

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Charity registration number: 1155573

Objectives and Activities

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Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The Trustees have regard to guidance and are satisfied that the Charity is fully compliant with the spirit of the Public Benefit Guidance, but work continues to further improve understanding.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

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Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	No applicable
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	No applicable
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	All contributions are voluntary
Other		

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	<p>The main achievements and the difference the work of the GNST made are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A congregation point for the Sikh Community in the local area. It was encouraging to see the attendance grow including many Sikh's who are new to the Town. • The wellbeing, pastoral care and support to the Sikh Community in the local area. • The spiritual education of children. • Provision of activities for children. • Reaching out to the local non-Sikh community including participation in local areas community organisation activities, provision of meals to the homeless and poor. • Supporting the aged and needy. • Health and wellbeing awareness activities. • Community engagement to raise awareness of the Sikh faith and the GNST including hosting school visits, community leaders, senior police officer, other faiths etc.

Additional information (optional)

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Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	The Trustees are satisfied the GNST met all of its stated objectives during the year. Furthermore, a full property refurbishment and improvement plan is being implemented with the purpose of improving the facilities for the Sangat and making the property sustainable for the long term.
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	With legal case decided in favour of the GNST and agreement reached with Balbir Singh regarding legal fees awarded by the Court and Wilkin Chapman regarding historical legal fees, the Trustees are pleased to report that the underlying fund raising continued to increase year on year.
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	The three rental properties generated £16,982 lower net rental income compared with 2023-24 due to Tenant rent arrears and investment in improving the properties including the roof, heating etc. The Management Committee and Trustees will be reviewing the management of the properties.
Other		<i>The Trustees would like to record their grateful appreciation and thank the Sevadars, Kitchen Team and other volunteers for their seva, which keeps the Temple functioning and enables it to serve, engage and support the Sangat and local community during challenging and changing times. THANK YOU.</i>

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	<p>During the period under review the Charity income was £115,616 (<i>Donations £90,712, Property Rent £14,850, Giftaid £10,010, and Interest £44</i>) and expenditure £139,463 including legal fees and dispute costs of £1,728 in respect of property ownership dispute with the previous Trustees, recovery of £80,000 from Balbir, £83 interest received from Wilkin Chapman, Sangat Loan repayments of £87,500 resulted in a net deficit of £31,264.</p> <p>The underlying position excluding non-recurring legal fees, legal cost recovery from Balbir Singh; loan repayment and one off major refurbishment costs was a surplus of circa £50,000.</p> <p>In addition to donation income the Charity received property rental income of £14,850 and incurred costs of £14,873, producing in net rental property expenditure of £23. The Trustees are satisfied the expenditure was necessary to improve the properties for the Tenant's.</p> <p>Giftaid claim was submitted and paid respect of 2023-24 totalling £10,010.</p> <p>The Trustees are pleased to report that the underlying financial strength and position of the Charity continued to improve in the year under review.</p>
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	The Charity does not hold reserves other than any cash in hand, a current account and a small balance in a deposit account.

		<p>Expenditure is covered by regular income and any deficit covered from the operating reserves held in cash.</p> <p>If funds are required for any special purpose, these are raised from the members through a special appeal or loans.</p>
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£61,220 in Cash and Current/Deposit Accounts
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	Some reserves held in cash to support ongoing operations and provision of services. The Trustees are content that sufficient reserves are held to cover any foreseeable operating expenses.
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	<p>No funds in deficit or variable investments.</p> <p>The Charity has loans totalling £11,700 to cover the trading deficits up to 2020-21 year end due to exceptional legal fees and mortgage redemption costs associated with a fraudulent mortgage taken out by Surjit Singh, a previous property Trustee, who has been removed by order of a High Court Judgement. These loans are interest free and no repayment date has been agreed.</p> <p>Sangat loan repayments totalled £87,500 during the year and the outstanding Loans have been reduced from £99,200 to £11,700.</p>
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	<p>The legal case relating to a property ownership dispute with the previous Trustees was decided by the Leeds High Court in favour of the GNST and costs awarded in September/ October 2019.</p> <p>The only uncertainty is the recovery of these costs from the defendants:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Surjit Singh, £132k+ (£95k + £37k + rental income), has been declared bankrupt. <i>Sadly, Surjit Singh has passed away and it is unlikely any of monies due will be recovered. The Trustees and Management Committee continue to remain in contact and liaise with the Trustee in Bankruptcy.</i> • Balbir Singh, circa £130k (£95k plus interest and costs), who financial status was unclear. As result of an application to the High Court, judgement was granted to take possession of 48 Taylor Road and the order executed by Bailiff's. Following protracted negotiations Balbir Singh and his son agreed to pay £80,000 to release them from their obligations in respect legal costs awarded by the High Court to the GNST. In light of Balbir Singh's financial position and age, the Management Committee and Trustees accepted the proposal and concluded the negotiations. <p><i>The Management Committee and Trustees are satisfied that with the historical legal fees issue resolved, the £80,000 received from Balbir Singh, only £11,700 of Sangat Loans outstanding and £61,220 in funds the GNST is now on a sound financial footing for it continue as a going concern for the foreseeable future.</i></p>

		Any legal fees and property dispute related costs continue to be paid when incurred.
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Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	Funds are generated from donations and the provision of pastoral services to the local Sikh Community. Property rental income from the letting of three domestic properties on 22 Dale Street and 209a & 209b Frodingham Road, Scunthorpe. Giftaid income. Deposit account interest.
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	The GNST continues to let the rental properties with the objective of achieving a market rental returns.
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	The only risk that remains is the recovery of legal costs awarded by the Leeds High Court from the deceased defendant, Surjit Singh's Trustee in Bankruptcy.. The Management Committee and Trustees are confident, given the GNST's financial resources, this risk is manageable..
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Trust Deed and Written Constitution. The document was updated, streamlined and approved by the Management Committee and Trustees during the year. The key objectives and purpose of the Charity remains unchanged.
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	Unincorporated religious organisation.
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	New Property Trustees were appointed through an election process by the Sangat (members). Kulwinder Kaur Athwal Sukhjinder Kaur Chatha Taranpreet Singh Nijjar

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	Induction by the Management Committee with reference to the written Constitution, guidance from legal advisors and Charity Commission information. <i>Work continues to improve policies, processes and understanding.</i>
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	Other Sikh Temples in the UK and India

Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	No formal relationship with any other parties.
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Guru Nanak Sikh Temple (Scunthorpe)
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1155573
Charity's principal address	207 Frodingham Road, Scunthorpe, North Lincolnshire DN15 7NS

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	Sukhdev Singh	Trustee	3 January 2020	GNST Sangat/Members
2	Kulwinder K Athwal	Trustee	19 October 2023	GNST Sangat/Members
3	Sukhjinder K Chatha	Trustee	19 October 2023	GNST Sangat/Members
4	Taranpreet S Nijjar	Trustee	19 October 2023	GNST Sangat/Members

Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		
Not applicable		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	
Sukhdev Singh		Confirmed by Leeds HC
Kulwinder Kaur Athwal		Elected by Sangat
Sukhjinder Kaur Chatha		Elected by Sangat
Taranpreet Singh Nijjar		Elected by Sangat

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	Nil Property held on behalf the GNST only. 207 Frodingham Road, Scunthorpe. 209A & B Frodingham Road, Scunthorpe. 22 Dale Street, Scunthorpe.
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	Nil
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	Nil

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

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

Not applicable.

Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

Other optional information

The Leeds High Court awarded costs to the **GNST** and ordered the defendants, the previous Trustees, Surjit Singh and Balbir Singh, to contribute £95k each towards the legal costs incurred by the **GNST**. In addition, Surjit Singh was ordered to repay the £36,611 paid by the **GNST** to the LPA acting for the Lancashire Mortgage Corporation to redeem the fraudulent mortgage taken out by him secured against 209 Frodingham Road and property rent collected by him.

Surjit Singh, who sadly has passed away, was declared bankrupt and the latest statement of affairs received from his Trustee in Bankruptcy ("**TIB**") shows there may be insufficient funds to pay anything towards the costs awarded and owed to the **GNST**. The bankruptcy process is ongoing and the **TIB** continues with his enquiries and **GNST** continue to liaise with **TIB**.

Following a petition to the High Court in Wolverhampton, Judgement was issued in favour of the **GNST** to award it control of Balbir Singh's property at 48 Taylor Road, Wolverhampton, and the adjacent plot of land. Following protracted negotiations, Balbir Singh and his son paid **£80,000** in settlement of his liability. The Management Committee and Trustees feel under the circumstances this was fair and reasonable outcome for both parties.

As result of the £80,000 payment received from Balbir Singh, the **GNST** repaid Members loans totalling £87,500. *The small amount, £11,700, outstanding is being checked with the intention to resolve as soon as possible,*

A new Management Committee and Holding Trustees were elected and it was agreed that in future the Property Trustees will also act as the Charity Trustees and continue to work closely with the Management Committee to ensure compliance with Charity Objectives.

Furthermore, with the financial position continuing to improve, attendances increasing and with the support of the Sangat, the Management Committee and Trustees have decided to develop and implement a more comprehensive refurbishment programme to improve facilities and make the property sustainable for the long term.

The Management Committee and Trustees continue to work on and ensure compliance with Health, Safety, Environmental and Legal obligations.

The Management Committee and Trustees developed and approved a reference document outlining the Strategic Goals and Objectives for the **GNST**.

In January 2025, the **GNST** was approached by the Trustees and Management Committee of the Singh Sabha Gurdwara ("**SSG**"), charity number 1185927 on 39a/41 Normanby Road, Scunthorpe, DN15 7AS, to discuss the closure of the **SSG** and transfer of its assets, the main asset being the property, to **GNST**. Following detailed discussions between the Trustees and Management Committees of both Charities, it was agreed and approved that a single Sikh Gurdwara/Temple was the best long term option for the local Sangat and Sikh Community. An integration subcommittee was formed to deal with the merger and integration issues. The process is expected to be concluded during 2025 including the removal of the **SSG** Charity from the Charity's Commission register and transfer of the title of property to the **GNST** Trustees.

Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Sukhdev Singh	K. ATHWAL
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Trustee	Trustee

Date

24/11/2025



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Guru Nanak Sikh Temple (Scunthorpe)

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31/01/2025

**Charity no
(if any)**

1155573

Set out on pages

Charities Commission format Pages 1 & 2

(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,:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report 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:

Date:

13-11-2025

Name:

Mark Jackson-Stapleton

Relevant professional

MAAT

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

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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 details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

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CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Guru Nanak Sikh Temple (Scunthorpe)

115573

Receipts and payments accounts

CC16a

For the period
from

01/02/2023

To

31/01/2024


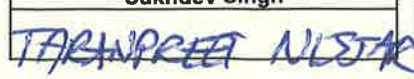
Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Congregation Donations	90,712	-	-	90,712	56,609
Includes Insurance claim & scrap sales	-	-	-	-	-
Rent	14,850	-	-	14,850	17,370
Giftaid	10,010	-	-	10,010	10,517
Deposit Account Interest	44	-	-	44	35
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	115,616	-	-	115,616	84,531
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
Other - Balbir Singh Legal Fees / WC	80,083	-	-	80,083	-
Sangat Repayment - Legal Case	87,500	-	-	87,500	13,500
Sub total	7,417	-	-	7,417	13,500
Total receipts	108,199	-	-	108,199	71,031
A3 Payments					
Total Utilities	6,244	-	-	6,244	6,423
Total Other Property Occupancy Costs	92,127	-	-	92,127	12,007
Total employment & Travel costs	19,719	-	-	19,719	16,556
Total Food and Beverages	3,464	-	-	3,464	2,174
Total Legal Fees & Dispute Costs	1,728	-	-	1,728	8,288
Total Postage and Stationery	-	-	-	-	229
Total Bank Charges	602	-	-	602	341
Total Rental Property Costs	14,873	-	-	14,873	411
Total Other/Misc Costs	706	-	-	706	902
Sub total	139,463	-	-	139,463	47,331
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	139,463	-	-	139,463	47,331
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 31,264	-	-	- 31,264	23,700
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	92,484	-	-	92,484	68,784
Cash funds this year end	61,220	-	-	61,220	92,484

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Cash in hand	-	-	-
	Bank	57,420	-	-
	Bank	3,800	-	-
	Total cash funds	61,220	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
	Not applicable	-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	No applicable	-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	207 Frodingham Road, Scunthorpe	-	-	-
	209 Frodingham Road, Scunthorpe	-	-	-
	22 Dale Street, Scunthorpe	-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
	Members Loans	-	11,700	To be agreed
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature 	Print Name Sukhdev Singh 	Date of approval 24/11/25 24/11/25
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Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	<p>The main achievements and the difference the work of the GNST(S) made are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A congregation point for the Sikh Community in the local area. It was encouraging to see the attendance grow including many Sikh's who are new to the Town. • The wellbeing, pastoral care and support to the Sikh Community in the local area. • The spiritual education of children. • Provision of activities for children. • Reaching out to the local non-Sikh community including participation in local areas community organisation activities, provision of meals to the homeless and poor. • Support the aged and needy. • Health and wellbeing awareness activities. • Community engagement to raise awareness of the Sikh faith and the GNST(S) including hosting school visits, community leaders, senior police officer, other faiths etc.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	The Trustees are satisfied the GNST(S) met all of its stated objectives during the year. Furthermore, a full refurbishment and redevelopment plan is being formulated for implementation with the purpose of improving the facilities for the Sangat and making the property sustainable for the long term.
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	With legal case settled in favour of the GNST(S) and agreement reached with Balbir Singh regarding legal fees awarded by the Court and Wilkin Chapman regarding historical legal fees, the Trustees are pleased to report that the underlying fund raising improved year on year.
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	The three rental properties generated an additional £527 net rental income compared with 2022-23. The Management Committee and Trustees will be reviewing the management of the properties.
Other		<i>The Trustees would like to record their grateful appreciation and thank the Sevadars, Kitchen Team and other volunteers for their seva, which keeps the Temple functioning and enables it to serve, engage and support the Sangat and local community during challenging and changing times. THANK YOU.</i>

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	<p>During the period under review the Charity income was £84,531 (<i>Donations £56,609, Property Rent £17,370, Giftaid £10,517, and Interest £35</i>) and expenditure £60,362 including legal fees and dispute costs of £8,288 in respect of property ownership dispute with the previous Trustees and Sangat Loan repayments of £13,500 resulting in a net surplus of £23,700.</p> <p>The underlying position excluding non-recurring legal fees and loan repayment was a surplus of £45,488.</p> <p>In addition to donation income the Charity received property rental income of £17,370 and incurred costs of £411, producing in net rental income of £16,959.</p> <p>Giftaid claim was submitted and paid respect of 2021-22 (£10,517) and a claim in respect of 2022-2023 (estimated £10,316) will be submitted in the next financial year.</p> <p>The Trustees are pleased to report that the underlying financial strength and position of the Charity continued to improve in the year under review.</p>
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	<p>The Charity does not hold reserves other than any cash in hand, a current account and a small balance in a deposit account.</p> <p>Expenditure is covered by regular income and any deficit covered from the operating reserves held in cash.</p> <p>If funds are required for any special purpose, these are raised from the members through a special appeal or loans.</p>
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£92,484 in Cash and Current/Deposit Accounts
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	Some reserves held in cash to support ongoing operations and provision of services. The

		Trustees are content that sufficient reserves are held to cover any foreseeable operating expenses.
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	<p>No funds in deficit or variable investments. The Charity has loans totalling £99,200 to cover the trading deficit due to exceptional legal fees and mortgage redemption costs associated with a fraudulent mortgage taken out by Surjit Singh, a previous property Trustee, who has been removed by order of a High Court Judgement. These loans are interest free and no repayment date has been agreed. Loans outstanding have been reduced by £13,500 from £112,700 during the year.</p>
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	<p>The legal case relating to a property ownership dispute with the previous Trustees was decided by the Leeds High Court in favour of the GNST(S) and costs awarded in September/October 2019.</p> <p>The only uncertainty is the recovery of these costs from the defendants:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Surjit Singh, £132k+ (£95k + £37k + rental income), has been declared bankrupt. <i>Sadly, Surjit Singh has passed away and it is unlikely any of monies due will be recovered. Continue to remain in contact and liaise with the Trustee in Bankruptcy.</i> • Balbir Singh, circa £130k (£95k plus interest and costs), who financial status is unclear. As result of an application to the High Court, judgement has been granted to take possession of 48 Taylor Road and the order has been executed by Bailiff's and the property is now in the control of the GNST. Balbir Singh's son, Anwarjit Singh, offered to pay £95k for the property to be released back to his family and the GNST has also instructed an Estate Agent to market the property. Negotiating are ongoing in an attempt to reach a mutually acceptable conclusion. <p>Any legal fees and property dispute related costs continue to be paid when incurred.</p> <p>Post Year End: Following protracted negotiations Balbir Singh and his son agreed pay £80,000 to release them from their obligations in respect legal costs awarded by the High Court to the GNST(S). In light of Balbir Singh's financial position and age, the Management Committee and Trustees accepted the proposal and concluded the negotiations.</p> <p><i>The Management Committee and Trustees are content that with the historical legal fees issue resolved and the £80,000 paid by Balbir Singh the Charity will have sufficient funds to repay the loans from the Sangat in full during 2024-25 and place the GNST(S) on a sound financial footing for it continue as a going concern for the foreseeable future.</i></p>

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	Funds are generated from donations and the provision of pastoral services to the local Sikh Community. Property rental income from the letting of two domestic properties on 22 Dale Street and 209a & 209b Frodingham Road, Scunthorpe. Giftaid income. Deposit account interest.
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	Not applicable
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	The only risk that remains is the recovery of legal costs awarded by the Leeds High Court from the defendants, Surjit Singh and Balbir Singh (<i>resolved post Year End</i>) and the repayment of member's loans. The Management Committee and Trustees are confident these risks are manageable with the continued support of the Sangat.
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Trust Deed and Written Constitution
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	Unincorporated religious organisation.
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	New Property Trustees were appointed through an election process by the Sangat (members). Three of the Charity Trustees resigned during the year and were replaced through an election process. Resignations: Balbir Kaur Gosal Rashpal Singh Nijjar Harbans Singh Soomal Replacements: Kulwinder Kaur Athwal Sukhjinder Kaur Chatha Taranpreet Singh Nijjar

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	Induction by the Management Committee with reference to the written Constitution, guidance from legal advisors and Charity Commission information. <i>Work continues to improve policies, processes and understanding.</i>
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	Other Sikh Temples in the UK and India
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	No formal relationship
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Guru Nanak Sikh Temple (Scunthorpe)
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1155573
Charity's principal address	207 Frodingham Road, Scunthorpe, North Lincolnshire DN15 7NS

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	Sukhdev Singh	Trustee	3 January 2020	GNST Members (Sangat)
2	Kulwinder K Athwal	Trustee	19 October 2023	GNST Members (Sangat)
3	Sukhjinder K Chatha	Past President	19 October 2023	GNST Members (Sangat)
4	Taranpreet S Nijjar	Treasurer	19 October 2023	GNST Members (Sangat)

Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		
Not applicable		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	
Sukhdev Singh		Confirmed by Leeds HC
Kulwinder Kaur Athwal	19 October 2023	Elected by Sangat
Sukhjinder Kaur Chatha	19 October 2023	Elected by Sangat
Taranpreet Singh Nijjar	19 October 2023	Elected by Sangat

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	Nil Property held on behalf the GNST(S) only
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	Nil
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	Nil

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
Legal	Chapman Wilkins LLP	The Maltings, 11-15 Brayford Wharf E, Lincoln, LN5 7AY

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

Not applicable

Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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Other optional information

The Leeds High Court awarded costs to the GNST(S) and ordered the defendants, the previous Trustees, Surjit Singh and Balbir Singh, to contribute £95k each towards the legal costs incurred by the GNST(S). In addition, Surjit Singh has been ordered to repay the £36,611 paid by the GNST(S) to the LPA acting for the Lancashire Mortgage Corporation to redeem the fraudulent mortgage taken out by him secured against 209 Frodingham Road and property rent collected.

Surjit Singh, who sadly has passed away, was declared bankrupt and the latest statement of affairs received from his Trustee in Bankruptcy ("TIB") shows there may be insufficient funds to pay anything towards the costs awarded and owed to the GNST(S). The TIB continues with his enquiries and the bankruptcy is ongoing and GNST(S) continue to liaise with TIB.

Following a petition to the High Court Wolverhampton for the GNST(S) to be awarded control of Balbir Singh's property at 48 Taylor Road, Wolverhampton, and the adjacent plot of land Judgement was issued in favour of the GNST(S). *Post year end: following protracted negotiations, Balbir Singh and his son paid £80,000 in settlement of his liability. The Management Committee and Trustees feel under the circumstances this was fair outcome for both parties.*

If these costs are recovered, then the GNST(S) will have sufficient funds to repay the Members loans in full. *The MC and Trustees have resolved to repay all Sangat Loans during 2024-25 financial year, which will make the Charity debt free.*

A new Management Committee and Trustees were elected and it was agreed that in future the Property Trustees will also act as the Charity Trustees and work more closely with the Management Committee to ensure compliance with Charity Objectives.

Furthermore, with the financial position continuing to improve, attendances increasing and the support of the Sangat, the Management Committee and Trustees have decided to develop and implement a more comprehensive refurbishment programme to improve facilities and make the property sustainable for the long term.



The Management Committee and Trustees continue to work on and ensure compliance with Health, Safety and Environmental obligations.

The Management Committee and Trustees developed and approved a reference document outlining the Strategic Goals and Objectives for the GNST(S).

Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Sukhdev Singh	KULWINDER ATHWAL
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Trustee	Trustee

Date

26/11/2024



Receipts and payments accounts

CC16a

For the period
from

01/02/2023

To

31/01/2024

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					
Congregation Donations	56,609	-	-	56,609	66,279
Includes Insurance claim & scrap sales	-	-	-	-	10,355
Rent	17,370	-	-	17,370	16,880
Giftaid	10,517	-	-	10,517	3,220
Deposit Account Interest	35	-	-	35	4
Other	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	84,531	-	-	84,531	96,738
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
Sangat Loans - Legal Case	-	-	-	-	-
Sangat Repayment - Legal Case	13,500	-	-	13,500	10,000
Sub total	13,500	-	-	13,500	10,000
Total receipts	71,031	-	-	71,031	86,738
A3 Payments					
Total Utilities	6,423	-	-	6,423	9,550
Total Other Property Occupancy Costs	12,007	-	-	12,007	14,294
Total employment & Travel costs	16,556	-	-	16,556	16,889
Total Food and Beverages	2,174	-	-	2,174	964
Total Legal Fees & Dispute Costs	8,288	-	-	8,288	9,088
Total Postage and Stationery	229	-	-	229	-
Total Bank Charges	341	-	-	341	562
Total Rental Property Costs	411	-	-	411	448
Total Other/Misc Costs	902	-	-	902	228
Sub total	47,331	-	-	47,331	52,023
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	47,331	-	-	47,331	52,023
Net of receipts/(payments)	23,700	-	-	23,700	34,715
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	68,784	-	-	68,784	34,069
Cash funds this year end	92,484	-	-	92,484	68,784

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Cash in hand	988	-	-
	Bank	87,740	-	-
	Bank	3,756	-	-
	Total cash funds	92,484	-	-
(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))				

	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Not applicable	-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets	No applicable		-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	207 Frodingham Road, Scunthorpe		-	-
	209 Frodingham Road, Scunthorpe		-	-
	22 Dale Street, Scunthorpe		-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities	Members Loans		99,200	To be agreed
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
		Sukhdev Singh	24/11/24



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Guru Nanak Sikh Temple (Scunthorpe)

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31/01/2024

**Charity no
(if any)**

1155573

Set out on pages

Charities Commission format Pages 1 & 2

(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,:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report 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:

Date:

25/11/24

Name:

Mark Jackson-Stapleton

Relevant professional

ACCOUNTANT

qualification(s) or body
(if any):

MAAT

Address:

1-3 Laneham Street

Scunthorpe

DN15 6LJ

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 details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

[Empty box for disclosure details]

GURU NANAK SIKH TEMPLE (SCUNTHORPE)

England & Wales - Charity number 1155573

Accounts



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1 February 2022 to 31 January 2023

Charity name: Guru Nanak Sikh Temple (Scunthorpe)

Charity registration number: 1155573

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	<p>The GNST(S) objectives are to advance the Sikh religion for the benefit of the public in accordance with the religious tenets and doctrines attached thereto and the GNST(S) shall have the following powers exercisable in the furtherance of its said objectives but not otherwise, namely:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1) To work for the spiritual uplift and mental purity of those who have faith in the Sri Guru Granth Sahib Ji and the Ten Gurus.2) To hold congregations for the worship and teachings of religious tenets and doctrines.3) To arrange marriage ceremonies according to the rites and rituals of the Sikh religion and the prevailing law of England and Wales.4) To arrange ceremonial baptism (Amrit/Khande di Pahul)5) To organise special religious functions on important occasions like Birthdays and Martyrdom days (Shahidi Gurburbs) of the Sikh Gurus.6) To the preach the message to the non-Sikh community on the Sikh way of worship and life by distributing literature in English and other languages on the lives and teachings of the Sikh Gurus.7) To arrange and provide facilities for the education of the community interested in Punjabi and English.8) To encourage and provide financial support for the community to participate in religious sports and social activities organised by the committee.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	<p>During the period under review the temple resumed normal operations, post COVID, and met all of its stated objectives including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Weekly worship services, Kirtan and Langar seva.• Celebrated key birthdays, events etc.• Performed Wedding Ceremonies• Performed Baptisms

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Performed Funeral Services and supported bereaved families Provided pastoral care. Provided religious educational entertainment e.g. Jatha's, Films etc. Provided panjabi classes. Provided sports and other activities classes. Celebrated the New Year Engaged with the local community
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The Trustees have regard to guidance and are content the charity is compliant with spirit of the public benefit guidance, but work continues to further improve understanding.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	No applicable
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	No Applicable
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	All contributions are voluntary
Other		

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	<p>The main achievements and the difference the work of the GNST(S) made are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A congregation point for the Sikh Community in the local area. The wellbeing, pastoral care and support to the Sikh Community in the local area. The spiritual education of children. Provision of activities for children. Reaching out to the local non-Sikh community e.g. School visits to the temple, provision of meals to the homeless and poor. Support the aged and needy. Health and wellbeing activities.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		<i>The Trustees would like to record their appreciation and thank the sevadars, kitchen team and other volunteers for their seva, which keeps the Temple functioning and allows it to serve, engage and support the sangat and local</i>

community during challenging and changing times. THANK YOU.

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	<p>During the period under review the Charity income was £96,738 (<i>Donations £66,279, Property Rent £16,880, Giftaid £3,220, insurance claim £10,355 and £4 interest</i>) and expenditure £52,023 including legal fees of £9,088 in respect of property ownership dispute with the previous Trustees and Sangat Loan repayments of £10,000 resulting in a net surplus of £34,715.</p> <p>The underlying position excluding non-recurring legal fees was a surplus of £43,803.</p> <p>In addition to donation income the Charity received property rental income of £16,880 and incurred costs of £448, producing in net rental income of £16,432.</p> <p>Giftaid claim was submitted and paid respect of 2020-21 (£3,220) and a claim in respect of 2021-2022 (estimated £10,516) will be submitted in the next financial year.</p>
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	<p>The Charity does not hold reserves other than any cash in hand, a current account and a deposit account.</p> <p>Expenditure is covered by regular income and any deficit covered from the operating reserves held in cash.</p> <p>If funds are required for any special purpose, these are raised from the members through a special appeal or loans.</p>
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£68,781 in Cash and Current/Deposit Accounts
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	Some reserves held in cash to support ongoing operations and provision of services.
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	<p>No funds held in variable investments.</p> <p>The Charity has loans totalling £112,000 to cover the trading deficit due to exceptional legal fees and mortgage redemption costs associated with a fraudulent mortgage taken out by Surjit Singh, a previous property Trustee, who has been removed by order of a High Court Judgement. These loans are interest free and no repayment date has been agreed. Loans outstanding have been reduced by £700 from £112,700 due to reclassification as donations.</p>
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	<p>The legal case relating to a property ownership dispute with the previous Trustees was decided by the Leeds High Court in favour of the GNST(S) and costs awarded in September/October 2019.</p> <p>The only uncertainty is the recovery of these costs from the defendants:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Surjit Singh, £132k+ (£95k + £37k + rental income), has been declared bankrupt. <i>Sadly, Surjit Singh has passed away and it is unlikely any of monies due will be recovered.</i>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Balbir Singh, circa £130k (£95k plus interest and costs), who financial status is unclear. Balbir Singh owned residential property at 48 Taylor Road and adjoining land, on the order of the High Court Wolverhampton, Paul Raine, independent Single Joint Expert, was appointed to value the property and in his written report he concluded that the property valuation in an open market would be circa £210k and if this valuation is achieved circa £91k less costs could be realised after the mortgage of circa £119k is redeemed. <p>As agreed with the Wilkin Chapman, the final 8 x £1000 payment instalments of the historical legal fees claimed were paid during the year and matter settled. Any fees incurred are now paid on an ongoing basis.</p> <p>Post Year End: As result of an application to the High Court, judgement has been granted to take possession of 48 Taylor Road and the order has been executed by Bailiff's and the property is now in the control of the GNST. Balbir Singh's son, Anwarjit Singh, offered to pay £95k for the property to be released back to his family and the GNST has also instructed an Estate Agent to market the property.</p> <p><i>The Management Committee and Trustees feel that with the historical legal fees issue resolved and a good prospect that Balbir Singh's property will realise a material sum, the Charity will have sufficient funds to continue as a going concern for the foreseeable future.</i></p>
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Additional information (optional)

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Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	Not applicable
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	Only the risk that remains is the recovery of legal costs awarded by the Leeds High Court from the defendants, Surjit Singh and Balbir Singh and the repayment of member's loans. The Management Committee and Trustees are confident these risks are manageable with the continued support of the Sangat.
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Trust Deed and Written Constitution
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	Unincorporated religious organisation
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	The Property Trustees were appointed through an election process by members of the Guru Nanak Sikh Temple (Scunthorpe). The Charity Trustees were the past President, Treasurer and two of the Property Trustees. <i>With the long running legal case decided in favour of the GNST the Management Committee and the Trustees plan to review the Governance Structure in 2023-2024.</i>

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	Induction by the Management Committee with reference to the written Constitution, guidance from legal advisors and Charity Commission information. <i>More work will be carried out going forward.</i>
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	Other Sikh Temples in the UK and India
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	No formal relationship
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

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Other name the charity uses	
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2	Balbir K Gosal	Trustee	3 January 2020	GNST Members (Sangat)
3	Rashpal S Nijjar	Past President	3 January 2020	GNST Members (Sangat)
4	Harbans S Soomal	Treasurer	3 January 2020	GNST Members (Sangat)
5				

Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		
Not applicable		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	
Sukhdev Singh		Confirmed by Leeds HC
Balbir Kaur Gosal		Confirmed by Leeds HC
Kuldip Kaur		Confirmed by Leeds HC

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	Nil Property held on behalf the GNST(S) only
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	Nil
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	Nil

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
Legal	Chapman Wilkins LLP	The Maltings, 11-15 Brayford Wharf E, Lincoln, LN5 7AY

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

Not applicable

Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

Other optional information

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requests. *Post year end: Sadly, Surjit Singh has passed away.*

Following a petition to the High Court Wolverhampton for the GNST(S) to be awarded control of Balbir Singh's property at 48 Taylor Road, Wolverhampton, and the adjacent plot of land Judgement was issued in favour of the GNST(S). *Post yearend: after various appeals by Balbir Singh and the appointment of Bailiff the property and land is in the control of the GNST(S). The property is to be marketed and sold.*

If these costs are recovered, then the GNST(S) will have sufficient funds to repay the Members loans in full.


Once matters become clear a strategic review will be carried out including repayment of the Sangat Loans.

On a positive note, with the financial position improving and the support of the Sangat, the management committee has commenced a refurbishment programme. The completion of the first phase, replacement of all windows, fire doors and main entrance doors with double glazed UPVC, has not only improved the property but also, heat retention and comfort for the Sangat.

Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		RASHPAL SINGH NIJJAR
Full name(s)	Rashpal Singh Nijjar	Sukhdev Singh
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Past President / Trustee	Trustee

Date

19/10/23



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Guru Nanak Sikh Temple (Scunthorpe)

1155573

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	01/02/2022	To	31/01/2023
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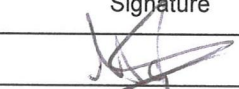

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Congregation Donations	66,279	-	-	66,279	58,051
Includes Insurance claim & scrap sales	10,355	-	-	10,355	-
Rent	16,880	-	-	16,880	13,048
Giftaid	3,220	-	-	3,220	-
Deposit Account Interest	4	-	-	4	-
Other	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	96,738	-	-	96,738	71,099
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
Sangat Loans - Legal Case	-	-	-	-	-
Sangat Repayment - Legal Case	10,000	-	-	10,000	-
Sub total	10,000	-	-	10,000	-
Total receipts	86,738	-	-	86,738	71,099
A3 Payments					
Total Utilities	9,550	-	-	9,550	9,425
Total Other Property Occupancy Costs	14,294	-	-	14,294	17,634
Total employment & Travel costs	16,889	-	-	16,889	15,265
Total Food and Beverages	964	-	-	964	267
Total Legal Fees	9,088	-	-	9,088	12,513
Total Postage and Stationery	-	-	-	-	100
Total Bank Charges	562	-	-	562	462
Total Rental Property Costs	448	-	-	448	183
Total Other/Misc Costs	228	-	-	228	235
Sub total	52,023	-	-	52,023	56,084
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	52,023	-	-	52,023	56,084
Net of receipts/(payments)	34,715	-	-	34,715	15,015
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	34,069	-	-	34,069	19,054
Cash funds this year end	68,784	-	-	68,784	34,069

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Cash in hand	91	-	-
	Bank	64,972	-	-
	Bank	3,721	-	-
	Total cash funds	68,784	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
	Not applicable	-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	No applicable		-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	207 Frodingham Road, Scunthorpe		-	-
	209 Frodingham Road, Scunthorpe		-	-
	22 Dale Street, Scunthorpe		-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
	Members Loans		112,000	To be agreed
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Sukhdev Singh	19/10/23
	RASHPAL SINGH NIJJAR	19/10/23



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of

Guru Nanak Sikh Temple (Scunthorpe)

On accounts for the year ended

31/01/2023

Charity no (if any)

1155573

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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.

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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,:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report 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:

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Date:

6-10-23

Name:

MAch JAKSON - STAPLTON

Relevant professional

AAI

qualification(s) or body
(if any):

MAAT .

Address:

1-3 Laneham Street

Scunthorpe

DN15 6LJ

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 details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

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GURU NANAK SIKH TEMPLE (SCUNTHORPE)

England & Wales - Charity number 1155573

Accounts



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1 February 2021 to 31 January 2022

Charity name: Guru Nanak Sikh Temple (Scunthorpe)

Charity registration number: 1155573

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	<p>The GNST(S) objectives are to advance the Sikh religion for the benefit of the public in accordance with the religious tenets and doctrines attached thereto and the GNST(S) shall have the following powers exercisable in the furtherance of its said objectives but not otherwise, namely:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) To work for the spiritual uplift and mental purity of those who have faith in the Sri Guru Granth Sahib Ji and the Ten Gurus. 2) To hold congregations for the worship and teachings of religious tenets and doctrines. 3) To arrange marriage ceremonies according to the rites and rituals of the Sikh religion and the prevailing law of England and Wales. 4) To arrange ceremonial baptism (Amrit/Khande di Pahul) 5) To organise special religious functions on important occasions like Birthdays and Martyrdom days (Shahidi Gurburbs) of the Sikh Gurus. 6) To the preach the message to the non-Sikh community on the Sikh way of worship and life by distributing literature in English and other languages on the lives and teachings of the Sikh Gurus. 7) To arrange and provide facilities for the education of the community interested in Punjabi and English. 8) To encourage and provide financial support for the community to participate in religious sports and social activities organised by the committee.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	<p>During the period under review the temple continued to meet all of its stated objectives but operating within COVID guidelines including:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Weekly worship services, Kirtan and Langar seva. • Celebrated key birthdays, events etc. • Performed Wedding Ceremonies • Performed Baptisms

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Performed Funeral Services and supported bereaved families • Provided pastoral care. • Provided religious educational entertainment e.g. Jatha's, Films etc. • Provided panjabi classes (N/A) • Provided sports and other activities classes (N/A) • Celebrated the New Year • Engaged with the local community
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The Trustees have regard to guidance and are content the charity is compliant with spirit of the public benefit guidance but more work will be carried out to further improve understanding.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	No applicable
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	No Applicable
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	All contributions are voluntary
Other		

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	<p>The main achievements and the difference the work of the GNST(S) made within the COVID compliant guidelines are:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A congregation point for the Sikh Community in the local area. • The wellbeing, pastoral care and support to the Sikh Community in the local area. • The spiritual education of children. • Provision of activities for children. • Reaching out to the local non-Sikh community e.g. School visits to the temple, provision of meals to the homeless and poor. • Support the old, aged and needy. • Health and wellbeing activities.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		<i>The Trustees would like record their appreciation and thank the sevadars, kitchen team and other volunteers for their</i>

		<i>dedicated seva in keeping the Temple functioning, which has allowed it to continue to serve and support the sangat and local community during what continued to be an unprecedented period due the COVID-19 pandemic. THANK YOU.</i>
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Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	<p>During the period under review the Charity income was £71,099 (<i>Donations £58,051, Property Rent £13,048, Giftaid £0 and £0 interest</i>) and expenditure £56,084 including legal fees of £12,513 in respect of property ownership dispute with the previous Trustees resulting in a net surplus of £15,015.</p> <p>The underlying position excluding non-recurring legal fees was a surplus of £27,528.</p> <p>In addition to donation income the Charity received property rental income of £13,048 and incurred costs of £183, producing in net rental income of £12,865.</p> <p>No Giftaid claims were submitted during the period under review but claims for 2020-21 (£3,220) and 2021-2022 (estimated £10,234) will be submitted in the next financial year.</p>
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	<p>The Charity does not hold reserves other than any cash in hand, a current account and a deposit account.</p> <p>Expenditure is covered by regular income and any deficit covered from the small operating reserves held in cash.</p> <p>If funds are required for any special purpose, these are raised from the members through a special appeal or loans.</p>
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£34,069 in Cash and Current/Deposit Accounts
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	Some reserves held in cash to support ongoing operations and provision of services.
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	<p>No funds held in variable investments.</p> <p>The Charity has loans totalling £122,000 to cover the trading deficit due to exceptional legal fees and mortgage redemption costs associated with a fraudulent mortgage taken out by Surjit Singh, a previous property Trustee, who has been removed by order of a High Court Judgement. These loans are interest free and no repayment date has been agreed.</p> <p>Loans outstanding have been reduced by £700 from £122,700 due to reclassification as donations.</p>
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	<p>The legal case relating to a property ownership dispute with the previous Trustees was decided by the Leeds High Court in favour of the GNST(S) and costs awarded in September/October 2019.</p> <p>The only uncertainty is the recovery of these costs from the defendants:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Surjit Singh, £132k+ (£95k + £37k + rental income), has been declared bankrupt.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Balbir Singh, £118k (£95k plus interest and costs), who financial status is unclear. <p>Following the election of the new Management Committee a subcommittee was formed to deal with outstanding legal matters including a claim for historical unbilled legal fees totalling £65k and circa £30k of current unbilled fees. Members of the subcommittee met with the Senior Partner of Wilkin Chapman on 2/11/2021 and as result the discussions, WC agreed to write off all unbilled fees to date except £10k which was agreed to be paid in 10 monthly instalments commencing December 2021.</p> <p>Post year end: <i>Balbir Singh owned residential property at 48 Taylor Road and adjoining land. On the instruction of the High Court Wolverhampton, Paul Raine, independent Single Joint Expert, was appointed to value the property and in his written report he concluded that the property valuation in an open market would be circa £210k and if this valuation is achieved circa £91k less costs could be realised after the mortgage of circa £119k is redeemed. A further hearing scheduled for 31 August 2022 was vacated to allow the expert to respond to any questions and final hearing is expected to be held after 30 September 2022.</i></p> <p><i>As a result of the relaxation of COVID-19 restrictions, temple attendances and income have recovered and the Management Committee and Trustees feel that with the historical legal fees issue resolved, the Charity will have sufficient funds to continue as a going concern for the foreseeable future.</i></p>
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Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	Funds are generated from donations and the provision of pastoral services to the local Sikh Community. Property rental income from the letting of two domestic properties on 22 Dale Street and 209a & 209b Frodingham Road, Scunthorpe. Giftpaid income. Deposit account interest.
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	Not applicable
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	With the historical unbilled fees issue resolved only the risk that remains is the recovery of legal costs awarded by the Leeds High Court from the defendants, Surjit Singh and Balbir Singh and the repayment of member's loans. The Management Committee and Trustees are confident these risks are manageable with the continued support of the Sangat.
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Trust Deed and Written Constitution
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	Unincorporated religious organisation
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	The Property Trustees were appointed through an election process by members of the Guru Nanak Sikh Temple (Scunthorpe). The Charity Trustees were the past President, Treasurer and two of the Property Trustees. <i>With the long running legal case decided in favour of the GNST the Management Committee and the Trustees plan to review the Governance Structure in 2022-2023.</i>

Additional information (optional)

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Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	Induction by the Management Committee with reference to the written Constitution and guidance from legal advisors. <i>More work will be carried out going forward.</i>
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	Other Sikh Temples in the UK and India
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	No formal relationship
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Guru Nanak Sikh Temple (Scunthorpe)
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1155573
Charity's principal address	207 Frodingham Road, Scunthorpe, North Lincolnshire DN15 7NS

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	Sukhdev Singh	Trustee	3 January 2020	GNST Members (Sangat)
2	Balbir K Gosal	Trustee	3 January 2020	GNST Members (Sangat)
3	Rashpal S Nijjar	Past President	3 January 2020	GNST Members (Sangat)
4	Harbans S Soomal	Treasurer	3 January 2020	GNST Members (Sangat)
5				

Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		
Not applicable		

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Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	
Sukhdev Singh		Confirmed by Leeds HC
Balbir Kaur Gosal		Confirmed by Leeds HC
Kuldip Kaur		Confirmed by Leeds HC

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	Nil Property held on behalf the GNST(S) only
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	Nil
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	Nil

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
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Following a petition to the High Court Wolverhampton, directions were issued to obtain an independent valuation of Balbir Singh's residence. If the independent Joint Expert's valuation of £210k is realised, circa £91k less costs could be recovered after redemption of the mortgage of circa £119k. A final Court Hearing is expected to be held after 30 September 2022 and the position should become clear.

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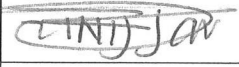


The cost of mortgage redemption for 209 was £36,610.74 but could have been redeemed for £30,018 according the e-mail dated 30.01.2020 sent by the solicitors to the GNST/General Secretary but the deadline of 19.02.2020 was missed.

Once matters become clear a strategic review will be carried out including repayment of the Sangat Loans.

Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Rashpal Singh Nijjar	Sukhdev Singh
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Past President / Trustee	Trustee
Date	11 / 09 / 2022.	



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Guru Nanak Sikh Temple (Scunthorpe)

1155573

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

01/02/2021

To

31/01/2022

Section A Receipts and payments

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A1 Receipts					
Congregation Donations	58,051	-	-	58,051	15,139
Includes Insurance claim & scrap sales	-	-	-	-	-
Rent	13,048	-	-	13,048	13,825
Giftaid	-	-	-	-	19,475
Deposit Account Interest	-	-	-	-	4
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	71,099	-	-	71,099	48,443
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
Sangat Loans - Legal Case	-	-	-	-	35,000
Sangat Repayment - Legal Case	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	35,000
Total receipts	71,099	-	-	71,099	83,443
A3 Payments					
Total Utilities	9,425	-	-	9,425	10,284
Total Other Property Occupancy Costs	17,634	-	-	17,634	3,662
Total employment & Travel costs	15,265	-	-	15,265	8,738
Total Food and Beverages	267	-	-	267	301
Total Legal Fees	12,513	-	-	12,513	67,796
Total Postage and Stationery	100	-	-	100	-
Total Bank Charges	462	-	-	462	311
Total Rental Property Costs	183	-	-	183	1,955
Total Other/Misc Costs	235	-	-	235	1,496
Sub total	56,084	-	-	56,084	94,543
A4 Asset and investment purchases. (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	56,084	-	-	56,084	94,543
Net of receipts/(payments)	15,015	-	-	15,015	- 11,100
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	19,054	-	-	19,054	30,154
Cash funds this year end	34,069	-	-	34,069	19,054

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
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	Bank	3,717	-	-
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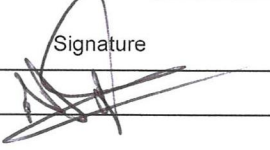
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B2 Other monetary assets	Not applicable	-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets	No applicable		-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

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B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	207 Frodingham Road, Scunthorpe		-	-
	209 Frodingham Road, Scunthorpe		-	-
	22 Dale Street, Scunthorpe		-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities	Members Loans		122,000	To be agreed
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
		Sukhdev Singh	25.4.22



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On accounts for the year ended

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GURU NANAK SIKH TEMPLE (SCUNTHORPE)

England & Wales - Charity number 1155573

Accounts



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1 February 2020 to 31 January 2021

Charity name: Guru Nanak Sikh Temple (Scunthorpe)

Charity registration number: 1155573

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	<p>The GNST(S) objectives are to advance the Sikh religion for the benefit of the public in accordance with the religious tenets and doctrines attached thereto and the GNST(S) shall have the following powers exercisable in the furtherance of its said objectives but not otherwise, namely:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) To work for the spiritual uplift and mental purity of those who have faith in the Sri Guru Granth Sahib Ji and the Ten Gurus. 2) To hold congregations for the worship and teachings of religious tenets and doctrines. 3) To arrange marriage ceremonies according to the rites and rituals of the Sikh religion and the prevailing law of England and Wales. 4) To arrange ceremonial baptism (Amrit/Khande di Pahul) 5) To organise special religious functions on important occasions like Birthdays and Martyrdom days (Shahidi Gurpurbs) of the Sikh Gurus. 6) To the preach the message to the non-Sikh community on the Sikh way of worship and life by distributing literature in English and other languages on the lives and teachings of the Sikh Gurus. 7) To arrange and provide facilities for the education of the community interested in Punjabi and English. 8) To encourage and provide financial support for the community to participate in religious sports and social activities organised by the committee.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	<p>During the period under review the temple continued to meet all of its stated objectives except for a short period when it was closed due to COVID rules but then operated in a COVID secure environment including:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Weekly worship services, Kirtan and Langar seva. • Celebrated key birthdays, events etc. • Performed Wedding Ceremonies

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Performed Baptisms • Performed Funeral Services and supported bereaved families • Provided pastoral care. • Provided religious educational entertainment e.g. Jatha's, Films etc. • Provided panjabi classes • Provided sports and other activities classes • Celebrated the New Year • Engaged with the local community
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	Trustees have regard to Guidance but were only formally appointed 3 January 2020. <i>The charity is compliant with spirit of the public benefit guidance, more work is required to improve understanding but COVID-19 restrictions made it impossible for any proactive training or development work to be carried out during the period under review.</i>

Additional information (optional)

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	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	No applicable
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	No Applicable
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	All contributions are voluntary
Other		

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	<p>The main achievements and the difference the work of the GNST(S) made within the COVID compliant guidelines are:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A congregation point for the Sikh Community in the local area. • The wellbeing, pastoral care and support to the Sikh Community in the local area. • The spiritual education of Children • Provision of activities for Children • Reaching out to the local non-Sikh community e.g. School visits to the temple, provision of meals to the homeless and poor. • Support the old, aged and needy. • Health and wellbeing activities.

Additional information (optional)

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Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	

Other		<p><i>The Trustees would like to thank the sevadars, kitchen team and other volunteers for their dedication and seva in keeping the Temple operating which has allowed it to continue to serve and support the sangat and local community during what has been an unprecedented period due the COVID-19 pandemic. THANK YOU.</i></p>
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Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	<p>During the period under review the Charity income was £48,443 (<i>Donations £15,139, Property Rent £13,825, Giftaid £19,475 and £4 interest</i>) and expenditure £94,543 including legal fees of £31,156 in respect of property ownership dispute with the previous Trustees and £36,641 mortgage redemption costs in respect of 209 Frodingham Road resulting in a net deficit of £46,100. The deficit in the period under review was partially funded by £35,000 in loans from 4 members of the Sangat which increased the total amount outstanding to members to £122,700.</p> <p>The underlying position excluding non-recurring legal fees and mortgage redemption was a surplus of £21,697.</p> <p>In addition to normal donation income the Charity received property rental income of £13,825 and incurred costs of £1,955, producing in net rental income of £11,870. Giftaid claims were brought up to date, submitted and payments totalling £19,475 received.</p>
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	<p>The Charity does not hold reserves other than any cash in hand, a current account and a deposit account.</p> <p>Expenditure is covered by regular income and any deficit covered from the small operating reserves held in cash.</p> <p>If funds are required for any special purpose these are raised from the members through a special appeal or loans.</p>
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£19,054 in Cash and Current/Deposit Accounts
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	Some reserves held in cash to support ongoing operations.
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	<p>No funds held in variable investments.</p> <p>The Charity has loans totalling £122,700 to cover the trading deficit due to exceptional legal fees and mortgage redemption costs associated with a fraudulent mortgage taken out by Surjit Singh, a previous property Trustee who has been removed by order of a High Court Judgement. These loans are interest free and no repayment date has been agreed.</p>
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	<p>The legal case relating to a property ownership dispute with the previous Trustees was decided by the Leeds High Court in favour of the GNST(S) and costs awarded in September/October 2019.</p>

		<p>The only uncertainty is the recovery of these costs from the defendants £130k (£95k + £35k + Rental Income) from Surjit Singh who has been declared Bankrupt and £95k (£118k including interest and costs) from Balbir Singh whose financial position remains unclear.</p> <p>Post year end:</p> <p>Following the election of the new Management Committee a subcommittee was formed to deal with outstanding legal matters including a claim for historical unbilled legal fees totalling £65k and circa £30k of current unbilled fees.</p> <p>Members of the subcommittee met with the Senior Partner of Wilkin Chapman on 2/11/2021 and as result the discussions WC agreed to write off all unbilled fees to date except £10k which was agreed to be paid in 10 monthly instalments commencing December 2021.</p> <p><i>Like all Charities dependent on donations COVID19 restrictions had an adverse impact on temple attendances and income but the Management Committee and Trustees feel that with the historical legal fees issue resolved the Charity will have sufficient funds to continue as a going concern for the foreseeable future.</i></p>
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Additional information (optional)

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The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	<p>Funds are generated from donations and the provision of pastoral services to the local Sikh Community.</p> <p>Property rental income from the letting of two domestic properties on 18 Dale Street and 209a & 209b Frodingham Road, Scunthorpe.</p> <p>Giftaid income.</p> <p>Deposit account interest.</p>
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	Not applicable
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	<p>With the historical unbilled fees issue resolved only the risk that remain are the recovery of legal costs awarded by the Leeds High Court from the defendants, Surjit Singh and Balbir Singh and the repayment of member's loans.</p> <p>The Management Committee and Trustees are confident these risks are manageable with the support of the Sangat.</p>
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Trust Deed and Written Constitution
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	Unincorporated religious organisation
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g.	Para 1.25	The Property Trustees were appointed through an election process by members of the Guru Nanak Sikh Temple (Scunthorpe).

election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees		The Charity Trustees were the President, Treasurer and two of the Property Trustees. <i>With the long running legal case decided in favour of the GNST the Management Committee and the Trustees had planned to review the Governance Structure but COVID19 restrictions has made this impossible until when effective meetings, consultation and engagement with the Sangat is allowed by the Government guidelines.</i>
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Additional information (optional)

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Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	Induction by the Management Committee with reference to the written Constitution and guidance from legal advisors. <i>More work to be carried out when COVID-19 restrictions are relaxed.</i>
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	Other Sikh Temples in the UK and India
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	No formal relationship
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Guru Nanak Sikh Temple (Scunthorpe)
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1155573
Charity's principal address	207 Frodingham Road, Scunthorpe, North Lincolnshire DN15 7NS

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	Sukhdev Singh	Trustee	3 January 2020	GNST Members (Sangat)
2	Balbir K Gosal	Trustee	3 January 2020	GNST Members (Sangat)
3	Rashpal S Nijjar	President	3 January 2020	GNST Members (Sangat)
4	Harbans S Soomal	Treasurer	3 January 2020	GNST Members (Sangat)
5				

Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		
Not applicable		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	
Sukhdev Singh		Confirmed by Leeds HC
Balbir Kaur Gosal		Confirmed by Leeds HC
Kuldip Kaur		Confirmed by Leeds HC

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	Nil Property held on behalf the GNST(S) only
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	Nil
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	Nil

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
Legal	Chapman Wilkins LLP	The Maltings, 11-15 Brayford Wharf E, Lincoln, LN5 7AY

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

Not applicable

Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

Other optional information

The Leeds High Court awarded costs to the GNST(S) and ordered the defendants, the previous Trustees, Surjit Singh and Balbir Singh, to contribute £95k each towards the legal costs incurred by the GNST(S). In addition Surjit Singh has been ordered to repay the £36,611 the GNST(S) had paid to prevent 209 Frodingham Road from being repossessed by the LPA acting for the Lancashire Mortgage Corporation due to non-payment of the fraudulent mortgage taken out by him.

If these costs are recovered then the GNST(S) will have sufficient funds to repay the Members Loans in full.


However, Surjit Singh has been declared bankrupt and the latest statement of affairs received from his Trustee in Bankruptcy ("TIB") show there may be insufficient funds to pay anything towards the costs awarded and owed to the GNST(S). The TIB continues with his enquiries and the bankruptcy is ongoing for an indefinite period due to Surjit Singh's non-compliance with TIB's requests. Also, the probability of recovering any costs from Balbir Singh remains uncertain but a statutory demand has been served and collection of the debt is being pursued.

Once matters become clear a strategic review will be carried out and a plan developed to address the issues. This will be done after a new Management Committee is elected following an election in April 2021 and COVID-19 restrictions are relaxed by the Government.

Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	S Nijjar	
Full name(s)	Rashpal Singh Nijjar	Sukhdev Singh
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	President / Trustee	TRUSTEE

Date 9. MAY 2022



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Guru Nanak Sikh Temple (Scunthorpe)

1155573

Receipts and payments accounts

CC16a

For the period
from

01/02/2020

To

31/01/2021

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Congregation Donations	15,139	-	-	15,139	37,760
Includes Insurance claim & scrap sales	-	-	-	-	-
Rent	13,825	-	-	13,825	2,736
Giftaid	19,475	-	-	19,475	15,381
Deposit Account Interest	4	-	-	4	5
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	48,443	-	-	48,443	55,882
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
Sangat Loans - Legal Case	35,000	-	-	35,000	-
Sangat Repayment - Legal Case	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	35,000	-	-	35,000	-
Total receipts	83,443	-	-	83,443	55,882
A3 Payments					
Total Utilities	10,284	-	-	10,284	14,022
Total Other Property Occupancy Costs	3,168	-	-	3,168	10,261
Total employment & Travel costs	9,231	-	-	9,231	12,448
Total Food and Beverages	301	-	-	301	1,649
Total Legal Fees	31,186	-	-	31,186	2,404
Total Postage and Stationery	-	-	-	-	277
Total Bank Charges	311	-	-	311	381
Total Rental Property Costs	38,566	-	-	38,566	3,557
Total Other/Misc Costs	1,496	-	-	1,496	280
Sub total	94,543	-	-	94,543	45,279
A4 Asset and investment purchases. (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	94,543	-	-	94,543	45,279
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 11,100	-	-	- 11,100	10,603
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	30,154	-	-	30,154	19,551
Cash funds this year end	19,054	-	-	19,054	30,154

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Cash in hand	22	-	-
	Bank	15,315	-	-
	Bank	3,717	-	-
	Total cash funds	19,054	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK


Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Not applicable	-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets	No applicable		-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	207 Frodingham Road, Scunthorpe		-	-
	209 Frodingham Road, Scunthorpe		-	-
	22 Dale Street, Scunthorpe		-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities	Members Loans		122,700	To be agreed
	Legal Fees		-	Post year end
	Mortgage 209 Frodingham Rd, Scunthorpe		-	Post year end
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

	Print Name	Date of approval
	Sukhdev Singh	9.5.2022



Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of

Guru Nanak Sikh Temple (Scunthorpe)

On accounts for the year ended

31/01/2021

Charity no (if any)

1155573

Set out on pages

Charities Commission format Pages 1 & 2

(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.

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