



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

Period start date
From 01 06 2024 To 31 05 2025
Period end date

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name Gunatit Jyot Foundation

Other names charity is known by GJF

Registered charity number (if any) 1156223

Charity's principal address Lady Walk, Long Lane

Heronsgate

Rickmansworth Hertfordshire

Postcode

WD3 5DH

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	Shobhanaben M Gandhi	Chairperson		By the Trustees' resolution
2	Dr Naina Visani	Secretary		By the Trustees' resolution
3	Shila Popat	Vice Chairperson		By the Trustees' resolution
4	Kalpana Visani	Treasurer		By the Trustees' resolution
5	Ila Vaghela			By the Trustees' resolution
6	Dinagauri Bharkhda			By the Trustees' resolution
7	Chandrakala Patel			By the Trustees' resolution
8	Rekha Khamar			By the Trustees' resolution
9	Usha Kotecha			By the Trustees' resolution
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11				
17				
20				

Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

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

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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document	Deed of Trust dated 1 st June 2013 and Supplemental Deed of Trust dated 23 rd February 2014
How the charity is constituted	Trust
Trustee selection methods	By the Trustees' resolution

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

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

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

1. Meetings are held every quarter by the Trustees to discuss and review strategy, planning, developments, financial and administrative matters
2. All trustees have been provided with guidance notes produced by the Charity Commission
3. Specific activities have been delegated in areas of accounting, religious and cultural activities, donations, youth activities, food preparations and projects
4. Structure and delegation processes have been instigated to promote and encourage the skills and for the charity to strengthen its skill base
5. The Trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place at all times.
6. The Trustees take professional advice as and when required.
7. All trustees are forwarded any correspondence received from the Charity Commission.

Section C Objectives and activities

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

The advancement of the Swaminarayan denomination of The Hindu Religion for the public benefit in particular by:

- a) helping aspirants to achieve spiritual enlightenment by becoming 'Brahmaswarup' and serve 'Parbrahmaswarup' by reference to the teachings of his Divine Holiness Pappajimaharaj.
- b) advancing and propagating the Swaminarayan denomination of the Hindu religion amongst its members and the wider public with particular reference to the teachings and principles of Lord Swaminarayan and Gunatitanand Swami.

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

The Charity had a successful year. The Trustees have considered the guidance produced by the Charity Commission on the provision of Public Benefit and the Charity has achieved the Public Benefit objective by:

- Meeting the spiritual requirements of the congregation
- Providing spiritual guidance to individuals/families
- Providing sacred space for personal prayer and contemplation
- Conducting pastoral work including visiting the sick and the bereaved
- Promoting and propagating the teaching of His Divine Holiness Pappajimaharaj and the principles of Lord Swaminarayan and Gunatitanand Swami through sermons, courses and focus groups
- Attending Virtual Sabha meetings with the younger member of the community and providing guidance and clarifications
- Attending Virtual Sabha meetings with the members co-ordinated as the Sakhi Group, which is a group of retired ladies gathering on an informal basis
- Hosted a number of events to celebrate the Divine Day for P.P.Didi, P.P.Jyotiben & P.P.Deviben at Ladywalk.
Also hosted the Family Funday in August 2024 as part of the Divya Prakash parva

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

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

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

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year**Summary of the Activities undertaken by the Charity:-**

- Meeting the spiritual requirements of the congregation, and in the era of the COVID Pandemic, we have also been holding online events for the congregation to participate
- Providing spiritual guidance to individuals/families
- Providing sacred space for personal prayer and contemplation
- Conducting pastoral work including visiting the sick and the bereaved and providing services online
- Promoting and propagating the teaching of His Divine Holiness Pappajimaharaj and the principles of Lord Swaminarayan and Gunatitanand Swami through sermons, courses and focus groups
- Supporting other Charities in the UK and overseas
- Hosting events at Ladywalk including seminars, Easter Egg Hunt for the children. Also hosted the Family Funday in August 2024 as part of the Divya Prakash parva

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

All the funds raised during the year were unrestricted funds and it is the Charity's policy to build up the reserves to support the future growth plans and activities.

The Charity funds are placed on an interest bearing account for ease of access.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

Further financial review details (Optional information)

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

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

Section F

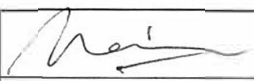
Other optional information

Section G

Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Miss Shila Popat	Dr Naina Visani
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Vice Chairperson	Secretary

Date 22th February 2026

Gunatit Jyot Foundation

Financial Statements for the year ended 31st May 2025

Registered Charity Number: 1156223

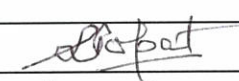
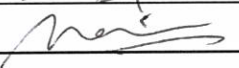
Gunatit Jyot Foundation
Statement of financial activities
For the period from 1st June 2024 to 31st May 2025

Charity No. 1156223

Recommended categories by activity	Unrestricted funds £ F01	Restricted income funds £ F02	Endowment funds £ F03	Total funds £ F04	Prior year funds £ F05
Incoming resources (Note 3)					
Income and endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	144,886	-	-	144,886	106,444
Investments	23,949	-	-	23,949	23,397
Total	168,835	-	-	168,835	129,841
Resources expended (Note 4)					
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds	31,847	-	-	31,847	52,666
Charitable activities	6,470	-	-	6,470	27,619
Separate material item of expense	-	-	-	-	6,598
Other	6,561	-	-	6,561	6,108
Total	44,878	-	-	44,878	92,991
Net income/(expenditure) before investment gains/(losses)	123,957	-	-	123,957	36,850
Net gains/(losses) on investments	-	-	-	-	-
Net income/(expenditure)	123,957	-	-	123,957	36,850
Net movement in funds	123,957	-	-	123,957	36,850
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward	546,655	-	-	546,655	509,805
Total funds carried forward	670,612	-	-	670,612	546,655

Gunatit Jyot Foundation
Balance sheet As At 31st May 2025

Charity Number: 1156223

	Unrestricted funds £ F01	Restricted income funds £ F02	Endowment funds £ F03	Total this year £ F04	Total last year £ F05
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets (Note 6)	24,558	-	-	24,558	13,035
Total fixed assets	24,558	-	-	24,558	13,035
Current assets					
Debtors (Note 7)	575,533	-	-	575,533	250,000
Cash at bank and in hand (Note 9)	75,186	-	-	75,186	287,925
Total current assets	650,719	-	-	650,719	537,925
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year (Note 8)	4,665	-	-	4,665	4,305
Net current assets/(liabilities)	646,054	-	-	646,054	533,620
Total assets less current liabilities	670,612	-	-	670,612	546,655
Total net assets or liabilities	670,612	-	-	670,612	546,655
Funds of the Charity					
Unrestricted funds	670,612	-	-	670,612	546,655
Total funds	670,612	-	-	670,612	546,655
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval dd/mm/yyyy		
		Miss Shila Popat	10/02/2026		
		Dr Naina Visani	10/02/2026		

Gunatit Jyot Foundation

Notes to the accounts

Year ended 31st May 2025

Note 1 Basis of preparation

This section should be completed by all charities.

1.1 Basis of accounting

These accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with:

- and with*

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the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014

- and with*

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the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)

- and with the Charities Act 2011.

1.2 Going concern

If there are material uncertainties related to events or conditions that cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, please provide the following details or state "Not applicable", if appropriate:

An explanation as to those factors that support the conclusion that the charity is a going concern;

Not applicable

Disclosure of any uncertainties that make the going concern assumption doubtful;

Not applicable

Where accounts are not prepared on a going concern basis, please disclose this fact together with the basis on which the trustees prepared the accounts and the reason why the charity is not regarded as a going concern.

Not applicable

1.3 Change of accounting policy

The accounts present a true and fair view and the accounting policies adopted are those outlined in note 2.

Yes*

✓

No*

* -Tick as appropriate

1.4 Changes to accounting estimates

No changes to accounting estimates have occurred in the reporting period (3.46 FRS 102 SORP).

Yes*

✓

No*

* -Tick as appropriate

1.5 Material prior year errors

No material prior year error have been identified in the reporting period (3.47 FRS 102 SORP).

Yes*

✓

No*

* -Tick as appropriate

Note 2 Accounting policies

2.2 INCOME

This standard list of accounting policies has been applied by the charity except for those ticked "No" or "N/a". Where a different or additional policy has been adopted then this is detailed in the box below.

Recognition of income	These are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when: - the charity becomes entitled to the resources; - it is more likely than not that the trustees will receive the resources; and - the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.	Yes ☒	No ☐	N/a ☐
Offsetting	There has been no offsetting of assets and liabilities, or income and expenses, unless required or permitted by the FRS 102 SORP or FRS 102.	Yes ☒	No ☐	N/a ☐
Grants and donations	Grants and donations are only included in the SoFA when the general income recognition criteria are met (5.10 to 5.12 FRS102 SORP).	Yes ☒	No ☐	N/a ☐
Legacies	In the case of performance related grants, income must only be recognised to the extent that the charity has provided the specified goods or services as entitlement to the grant only occurs when the performance related conditions are met (5.16 FRS 102 SORP). Legacies are included in the SOFA when receipt is probable, that is, when there has been grant of probate, the executors have established that there are sufficient assets in the estate and any conditions attached to the legacy are either within the control of the charity or have been met.	Yes ☐	No ☐	N/a ☒
Government grants	The charity has received government grants in the reporting period	Yes ☐	No ☐	N/a ☒
Tax reclaims on donations and gifts	Gift Aid receivable is included in income when there is a valid declaration from the donor. Any Gift Aid amount recovered on a donation is considered to be part of that gift and is treated as an addition to the same fund as the initial donation unless the donor or the terms of the appeal have specified otherwise.	Yes ☒	No ☐	N/a ☐
Contractual income and performance related grants	This is only included in the SoFA once the charity has provided the related goods or services or met the performance related conditions.	Yes ☐	No ☐	N/a ☒
Donated goods	Donated goods are measured at fair value (the amount for which the asset could be exchanged) unless impractical to do so.	Yes ☐	No ☐	N/a ☒
	The cost of any stock of goods donated for distribution to beneficiaries is deemed to be the fair value of those gifts at the time of their receipt and they are recognised on receipt. In the reporting period in which the stocks are distributed, they are recognised as an expense at the carrying amount of the stocks at distribution.	Yes ☐	No ☐	N/a ☒
	Donated goods for resale are measured at fair value on initial recognition, which is the expected proceeds from sale less the expected costs of sale, and recognised in 'Income from other trading activities' with the corresponding stock recognised in the balance sheet. On its sale the value of stock is charged against 'Income from other trading activities' and the proceeds from sale are also recognised as 'Income from other trading activities'.	Yes ☐	No ☐	N/a ☒
	Goods donated for on-going use by the charity are recognised as tangible fixed assets and included in the SoFA as incoming resources when receivable.	Yes ☐	No ☐	N/a ☒
	Gifts in kind for use by the charity are included in the SoFA as income from donations when receivable.	Yes ☐	No ☐	N/a ☒
Donated services and facilities	Donated services and facilities are included in the SOFA when received at the value of the gift to the charity provided the value of the gift can be measured reliably.	Yes ☐	No ☐	N/a ☒
	Donated services and facilities that are consumed immediately are recognised as income with an equivalent amount recognised as an expense under the appropriate heading in the SOFA.	Yes ☐	No ☐	N/a ☒
Support costs	The charity has incurred expenditure on support costs.	Yes ☐	No ☐	N/a ☒
Volunteer help	The value of any voluntary help received is not included in the accounts but is described in the trustees' annual report.	Yes ☐	No ☐	N/a ☒
Income from interest, royalties and dividends	This is included in the accounts when receipt is probable and the amount receivable can be measured reliably.	Yes ☒	No ☐	N/a ☐
Income from membership subscriptions	Membership subscriptions received in the nature of a gift are recognised in Donations and Legacies.	Yes ☐	No ☐	N/a ☒
	Membership subscriptions which gives a member the right to buy services or other	Yes ☐	No ☐	N/a ☐

	benefits are recognised as income earned from the provision of goods and services as income from charitable activities.	☐	☐	☒
Settlement of insurance claims	Insurance claims are only included in the SoFA when the general income recognition criteria are met (5.10 to 5.12 FRS102 SORP) and are included as an item of other income in the SoFA.	Yes	No	N/a
Investment gains and losses	This includes any realised or unrealised gains or losses on the sale of investments and any gain or loss resulting from revaluing investments to market value at the end of the year.	☒	☐	☒
		Yes	No	N/a
		☐	☐	☒
2.3 EXPENDITURE AND LIABILITIES				
Liability recognition	Liabilities are recognised where it is more likely than not that there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources and the amount of the obligation can be measured with reasonable certainty.	Yes	No	N/a
		☒	☐	☐
Governance and support costs	Support costs have been allocated between governance costs and other support. Governance costs comprise all costs involving public accountability of the charity and its compliance with regulation and good practice.	Yes	No	N/a
		☐	☐	☒
	Support costs include central functions and have been allocated to activity cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of resources, eg allocating property costs by floor areas, or per capita, staff costs by the time spent and other costs by their usage.	Yes	No	N/a
		☐	☐	☒
Grants with performance conditions	Where the charity gives a grant with conditions for its payment being a specific level of service or output to be provided, such grants are only recognised in the SoFA once the recipient of the grant has provided the specified service or output.	Yes	No	N/a
		☐	☐	☒
Grants payable without performance conditions	Where there are no conditions attaching to the grant that enables the donor charity to realistically avoid the commitment, a liability for the full funding obligation must be recognised.	Yes	No	N/a
		☐	☐	☒
Redundancy cost	The charity made no redundancy payments during the reporting period.	Yes	No	N/a
		☐	☐	☒
Deferred income	No material item of deferred income has been included in the accounts.	Yes	No	N/a
		☒	☐	☒
Creditors	The charity has creditors which are measured at settlement amounts less any trade discounts	Yes	No	N/a
		☒	☐	☐
Provisions for liabilities	A liability is measured on recognition at its historical cost and then subsequently measured at the best estimate of the amount required to settle the obligation at the reporting date	Yes	No	N/a
		☐	☐	☒
Basic financial instruments	The charity accounts for basic financial instruments on initial recognition as per paragraph 11.7 FRS102 SORP. Subsequent measurement is as per paragraphs 11.17 to 11.19, FRS102 SORP.	Yes	No	N/a
		☐	☐	☒
2.4 ASSETS				
Tangible fixed assets for use by charity	These are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year, and cost at least			
	They are valued at cost.	Yes	No	N/a
		☒	☐	☐
Intangible fixed assets	The depreciation rates and methods used are disclosed in note 9.2.	Yes	No	N/a
	The charity has intangible fixed assets, that is, non-monetary assets that do not have physical substance but are identifiable and are controlled by the charity through custody or legal rights. The amortisation rates and methods used are disclosed in note 9.5	☐	☐	☒
	They are valued at cost.	Yes	No	N/a
		☐	☐	☒
Heritage assets	The charity has heritage assets, that is, non-monetary assets with historic, artistic, scientific, technological, geophysical or environmental qualities that are held and maintained principally for their contribution to knowledge and culture. The depreciation rates and methods used as disclosed in note 9.6.1.4.	Yes	No	N/a
		☐	☐	☒
	They are valued at cost.	Yes	No	N/a
		☐	☐	☒
Investments	Fixed asset investments in quoted shares, traded bonds and similar investments are valued at initially at cost and subsequently at fair value (their market value) at the year end. The same treatment is applied to unlisted investments unless fair value cannot be measured reliably in which case it is measured at cost less impairment.	Yes	No	N/a
		☐	☐	☒
	Investments held for resale or pending their sale and cash and cash equivalents with a maturity date of less than 1 year are treated as current asset investments	Yes	No	N/a
		☐	☐	☒
Stocks and work in progress	Stocks held for sale as part of non-charitable trade are measured at the lower or cost or net realisable value.	Yes	No	N/a
		☐	☐	☒
	Goods or services provided as part of a charitable activity are measured at net realisable value based on the service potential provided by items of stock.	Yes	No	N/a
		☐	☐	☒

	Work in progress is valued at cost less any foreseeable loss that is likely to occur on the contract.	Yes	No	N/a
				✓
Debtors	Debtors (including trade debtors and loans receivable) are measured on initial recognition at settlement amount after any trade discounts or amount advanced by the charity. Subsequently, they are measured at the cash or other consideration expected to be received.	Yes	No	N/a
		✓		
Current asset investments	The charity has investments which it holds for resale or pending their sale and cash and cash equivalents with a maturity date less than one year. These include cash on deposit and cash equivalents with a maturity date of less than one year held for investment purposes rather than to meet short term cash commitments as they fall due.	Yes	No	N/a
				✓
	They are valued at fair value except where they qualify as basic financial instruments.	Yes	No	N/a
				✓

Note 3 Analysis of income

Analysis		Unrestricted funds	Restricted income funds	Endowment funds	Total funds £	Prior year £
Donations and legacies:	Donations and gifts	125,763	-	-	125,763	96,368
	Gift Aid	19,123	-	-	19,123	10,076
	Legacies	-	-	-	-	-
	Total	144,886	-	-	144,886	106,444
Income from investments:	Interest income	23,949	-	-	23,949	23,397
	Dividend income	-	-	-	-	-
	Total	23,949	-	-	23,949	23,397
TOTAL INCOME		168,835	-	-	168,835	129,841

Note 4 Analysis of expenditure
2025 2024

Analysis	Unrestricted funds	Total funds	Unrestricted funds	Total funds
	£	£	£	£
Expenditure on raising funds:				
Staging fundraising events	14,687	14,687	45,123	45,123
Other trading activities	3,565	3,565	1,536	1,536
Rent collection, property repairs and maintenance charges	13,595	13,595	6,007	6,007
Total expenditure on raising funds	31,847	31,847	52,666	52,666
Expenditure on charitable activities:				
Travelling	6,463	6,463	27,013	27,013
Premises costs	-	-	-	-
Insurance	-	-	440	440
Bank charges	7	7	166	166
Total expenditure on charitable activities	6,470	6,470	27,619	27,619
Separate material item of expense				
Funeral expenses	-	-	3,641	3,641
Legal & Professional fees	-	-	2,957	2,957
Total	-	-	6,598	6,598
Other				
Accountancy	4,665	4,665	4,305	4,305
Depreciation	1,896	1,896	803	803
Donations	-	-	1,000	1,000
Total other expenditure	6,561	6,561	6,108	6,108
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	44,878	44,878	92,991	92,991

Note 5 Details of certain items of expenditure

5.1.1 Fees for examination of the accounts

	2025	2024
	£	£
Independent examiner's fees	4,665	4,305

Note 6 Tangible fixed assets

Please complete this note if the charity has any tangible fixed assets

6.1 Cost or valuation

Fixtures, fittings and equipment	Total
£	£
At the beginning of the year	17,632
Additions	13,419
At end of the year	31,051

6.2 Depreciation and impairments

**Basis	SL	SL or RB
** Rate	10%	

At beginning of the year	4,597	4,597
Depreciation	1,896	1,896
At end of the year	6,493	6,493

6.3 Net book value

Net book value at the beginning of the year	13,035	13,035
Net book value at the end of the year	24,558	24,558

Note 7 Debtors and prepayments

7.1 Analysis of debtors

Trade debtors

Prepayments and accrued income

Other debtors

Total

2025	2024
£	£
-	-
575,533	250,000
575,533	250,000

Note 8 Creditors and accruals

8.1 Analysis of creditors

Accruals and deferred income

Total

Amounts falling due within one year	
2025	2024
£	£
4,665	4,305
4,665	4,305

Note 9 Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and on hand

Total

2025	2024
£	£
75,186	287,925
75,186	287,925



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name
GUNATIT JYOT FOUNDATION

On accounts for the year
ended

31ST MAY 2025

Charity no
(if any)

1156223

Set out on pages

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(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. ~~[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [named body]].~~ Delete [] if not applicable.

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:

Parker Lloyd

Date:

10th February 2026

Name:

Parker Lloyd Chartered Accountants

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

The ICAEW

Address:

11 Old Court House

Old Court Place

London W8 4PD

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).