



Trustee's Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	1	JAN	2023		31	DEC	2023

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name **Vedic Cultural Society of East Anglia**

Other names charity is known by **VCSEA**

Registered charity number (if any) **1163742**

Charity's principal address **The Hindu Temple**
New Acle road
Tunstall, Great Yarmouth
Postcode NR13 3QE

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	Vandana Khurana	Chair		
2	Sunita Nagpal	Secretary		
3	Vivek Nagpal	Treasurer		
4	Raju Vulla	Trustee	Appointed Jan 2023	
5	Rekha Lal	Trustee		
6	Gayatri Verma	Trustee		
7	Sunil Garg	Trustee		
8	Arun Ann Gupta	Trustee		
9	Georg Engelhard	Trustee		
10	Dev Tirbhowan	Trustee		
11	Sanjay Bhandari	Trustee		
12	Shashi Sharma	Trustee		
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
EC Member	Sudha Garg	
EC Member	Daksha Raja	
EC Member	Meena Gupta	
EC Member	Suresh Gupta	
EC Member	Anjana Rani	
EC Member	Meera Shahi	
EC Member	Vaneeta Singh	
EC Member	Sunita Lal	

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

Suman Nagpal
Devender Khurana
Kiran Kumar
Vinod Kumar

Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Constitution
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	CIO
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Elected by the members at the AGM on recommendation of the trustees board

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.No adverse incident reported during 2023.
2.Policies in place and reviewed:

COVID Policy
Visitors Policy
Complaints Policy
Child protection Policy
Equal Opportunity Policy
Volunteer Policy
Safeguarding Policy
Health and safety Policy
Data Protection Policy
Food Hygiene
Finance Policy

Section C Objectives and activities

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

To facilitate provision of place of worship, prayer, rituals and cultural activities for Hindu people of Norfolk.

The aims and objectives of our charity are to promote community cohesion by bringing different cultures and communities together to build stronger relationships. We believe that knowledge of different faiths and communities breaks barriers, improves understanding between people, reduces crime and anti-social behaviour, busts the myths of various communities of the various faiths. We all have one goal to promote wellbeing and happiness. We welcome all faiths and we are a part of the interfaith group of great Yarmouth.

New family connections established

Current membership 62

During the year 2023, the temple opened throughout the year, following events were held.

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)

Date	Event	Attendance
Jan-Dec 2023	Face to face prayers were held on second Sunday of every month	40
	Regular weekly Hanuman Chalisa and Prayers via Zoom- every Tuesday evening	15-20
	Local School visits	20-30
Every month	Prayer ceremonies	50
April 2023	Holi	100
Aug 2023	Ram Charit Manas Book Launch	15
Sept 2023	Summer Fair	150-200
October 2023	Sharad Purnima and Garbha, Janmashtami	65
Oct 2023	Durga Pooja	50
Oct 2023	Vijayadashami celebration	60
Nov 2023	Diwali Celebrations	100
Dec 2023	Ayaapa Pooja	60

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

All the VCSEA and temple activities / events are organised and managed by the trustees / VCSEA members and local public.

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

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

Section D

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

Monthly Prayers and Spiritual Progress:

We have made significant strides in ensuring regular monthly Havan prayers and Tuesday online Hanuman Chalisa and Bhajan meetings, providing a spiritual anchor for our members and fostering a sense of community and devotion. These gatherings have been essential in promoting unity and connecting with families with young children moving new to area.

Fundraising Summer Fayre:

Our fundraising efforts culminated in a successful summer fayre, where the community came together to support our cause. The funds raised have been instrumental in furthering our initiatives and outreach programs.

Community Connections and Recognition:

Our society's efforts have not gone unnoticed, as evidenced by the invitation from the Mayor of Great Yarmouth to participate in community events. Additionally, our presence in the media, including interviews with BBC Radio and participation in religious media conferences, has helped us broaden our reach and promote understanding of Vedic culture.

Joint Celebrations and Collaborations:

Collaborating with NANIs for joint celebrations of Janmashtami and Sharad Purnima Garba was a highlight of the year. Gratitude to Daksha Raja and Harsukh Raja for immense support in organizing this event. These events showcased the richness of our cultural heritage and fostered goodwill among diverse communities.

The Durga Puja with Bengali association and Ayyappa Puja held with Malayali Organisation in signifies efforts on collaborative community spirit.

We were fortunate to celebrate 22 Jan 2024 as Bhajan Sandhya in line with Ram Mandir Celebrations held in Ayodhya India. This event was celebrated with enthusiasm beyond words

Engagement with Diverse Audiences:

One of our proudest achievements is our engagement with diverse audiences, including school visits.

we interacted with children of varied abilities.

These interactions have been enriching for both our members and the students, promoting inclusivity and understanding

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

Charity is holding funds to pursue its objectives as outlined in the constitution. At present main expenses are involved in the maintenance of the premises to hold all the event by the charity.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

None

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.

1. Funding source are donations mainly by the members, Trustees and non-members.
2. Annual Indian /Hindu Cultural festival held in September also helps to raise funds for the Trust.
3. There is no paid staff/trustee/volunteer/council member in this charity, all work carried out is voluntary and charity work

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)

Sunita Nagpal

Full name(s)

Sunita Nagpal

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

Secretary

Date

22/10/2024

VCSEA Accounts Statement

(01.01.2023 to 31.12.2023)

Income and Expenditure Account:-

Income

Annual Membership	£ 1000.00
Specified Donation.	£7864.27
Box Donation.(Unspecified)	£ 1406.00
Donation (Unspecified)	£ 516.17
Gift aid From (HMR&C)	£ 1614.80
Sub Lease Rent Received Account (JET)	£ 3100.00
Mooring A/C	£ 1200.00
Summer Indian Fair	£ 3702.78
Total Income.	£ 20404.02

Expenditure

Wave Water	£ 402.76
British Gas	£ 1930.05
Insurance	£ 861.02
E.On Next	£ 1506.34
Rent /Expense	£ 1.00
Telephone (Talk Talk)	£ 276.45
Building Maintenance(Expense A/c)	£ 9440.92
Total Expenditure	£ 14418.54

Net Profit	£ 5985.48
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Barclays Bank Balance on 31/12/23	£ 33933.42
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Liability (Crediter)	£ 3798.54
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Opening Blance on 1/1/23	£ 24149.40
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Profit	£ 5985.48
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Closing Balnce on 31/12/23	£ 30134.88
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