

IPSWICH HINDU SAMAJ

England & Wales · Charity number 1165048

Details

Other names THE IPSWICH HINDU SAMAJ

Status Registered

Legal form Charitable company

Company number [09817054](#)

Registered 2016-01-05

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

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Activities

Objects: THE CHARITABLE PURPOSES OF THE COMPANY ARE TO ADVANCE EDUCATION, RELIEVE POVERTY, DISTRESS AND SICKNESS AND TO ADVANCE THE HINDU RELIGIOUS, CULTURAL AND SOCIAL ACTIVITIES IN THE IPSWICH AREA, PARTICULARLY BY THE PROVISION OF A PLACE WORSHIP.

Activities: Organizing Hindu religious,cultural,social activities, and undertaking projects on Health & Well Being and Welfare of Indian and wider communities such as Health Check, Diabetes, Dementia and Mental Health. Understanding of all faiths and no-faith and to participate in social cultural activities with other corporate bodies for social inclusion and economic welfare of youths and older communities.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Human Resources, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services, Acts As An Umbrella Or Resource Body
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training, The Advancement Of Health Or Saving Of Lives, Disability, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Religious Activities, Arts/culture/heritage/science, Environment/conservation/heritage, Economic/community Development/employment, Human Rights/religious Or Racial Harmony/equality Or Diversity
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, People Of A Particular Ethnic Or Racial Origin, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Cambridgeshire
- Essex
- Norfolk
- Suffolk

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£29,268	£19,199	-	-
2023-12-31	£19,872	£22,044	-	-
2022-12-31	£26,280	£17,214	-	-
2021-12-31	£16,838	£18,953	-	-
2020-12-31	£19,759	£21,632	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
DABABRATA CHOWDHURY		2016-03-18
Krishnakumar Gopalkrishna Pillai		2025-04-25
MARTIN SPETTIGUE		2016-01-05
Pradip Chandan Ghosh		2025-04-25
Premchand Thug		2025-04-25
Rajendrakumar Dahyabhai Mistry		2025-04-25
Thanusha Soni		2020-07-17
VINOD KANJIBHAI MASANI		2025-04-25

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We have consolidated our position over the last year, there areas of improvement in our finances, membership is stable, and we have run a significant number of events. We have been involved in the community and the Samaj is offering additional services to our members.

1. Membership

We are currently at 56 annual family or single members and 20 life members. It would be good to increase membership, and we welcome suggestions from members as to how we can do this. The Finance report gives a breakdown of the income we receive from our members. The Charity is stable, but we need to consider increasing our annual membership fees as our biggest cost is in renting the premises we are currently using. We also need to consider how feasible it will be to move to new premises as the current premises does not have sufficient capacity for the numbers of people who are now attending our major events.

2. Events Held by the IHS in 2024

The table below illustrates the events that have been held at the Samaj premises or in Ipswich.

Month	Event
Apr-24	Hindu Nav Varsh / Gudi Padwa / Ugadi / Telugu New Year and Chaitra Navratri
	Chaitra Shri Ram Navami
	Hanuma Janam-Utsav
May-24	Narasimha Jayanti
Jun-24	Shani Jayanti
Jul-24	Guru Purnima
Aug-24	Shravan Mass - Nag Panchami
	Raksha Bandhan, Gayatri Janyanti and Shravan Purinma
	Varalakshmi Pooja
	Shri Krishna Janmashtami
Sep-24	Ganesh Chathurti
Oct-24	Navratri
	Karwa Chauth
Nov-24	Dipawali
	Goverdhan/Annakut
	Bhaiya Dooj
	Shirdi and Sathya Sai Puja
	Satsang
Dec-24	Bhagavad Gita Slokas
	Shri Sathya Narayan Vrat Katha
	Ramayan Path

I would like to thank everyone involved with these events, and in particular Dr Pravin Desai and the Marathi community working with the IHS to organise the Ganesh Chaturthi celebrations in 2024. Various events and competitions were held involving the wider community and this contributed to our overall success. The Navarati event held by the IHS drew in many memebers and their families with people coming from the surrounding counties to attend over the weekend. There were approximately 140 people on the Friday evening and 200 people on the Saturday evening. A special mention goes to Thanusha Soni for working tirelesly over the two days selling raffle tickets. Seema Shrivastav has taken a lead in our Karva Chauth events in previous years and did not disappoint again in 2024. We also thank Dipika Thakerar and Lovleen Sargent for their dedication and support over the years in looking after, cleaning and clothing our Deities at the Mandir. Finally, I have to thank our Chairman Dr Sachin Karale for his unwavering support of the Samaj not only from a volunteering perspective but also from sponsoring varous events, providing Prasad at the weekends and for working behind the scenes to engage members of the Hindu community to come and support the Samaj.



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3. IHS in the Community

Listed below are a few of the events that your Committee and Samaj members have been involved in representing the Hindu Community:-

- **Amnesty International Thanksgiving**

The IHS was represented at the Amnesty International Thanksgiving service held at the Unitarian Meeting House to mark the 50th Anniversary of the founding of Ipswich Amnesty Group which started there. The event was attended by several faiths and the Lord Mayor of Ipswich.

- **One Big Multicultural Festival**

A whole day event to promote the Ipswich Hindu Samaj run by the BCS Multicultural Services and sponsored by Dr Sachin Karale. Our thanks to all of the committee members and Samaj members who turned up on the day to support this event.

- **Ipswich Remembrance Day Service**

The Service took part at the cenotaph in Christchurch Park, first unveiled 100 years ago in May 1924, which bears 2,811 names from both World Wars and later conflicts, many of whose families still live in Ipswich today. The IHS represented the many Indians who supported or took part in both wars, who gave their lives for freedom from tyranny.

- **School visits**

Sanjaya Martin Spettigue as in previous years lead and hosted school visits at the Mandir for schools wishing to learn about Hinduism. These are a good way to inform and educate children of other faiths as is evident from the letters received by Martin from the school children and displayed on the boards at the Mandir.

- **End of Life Prayers and Ceremony at Bury Hospital**

From time to time the IHS receives requests to provide end of life prayers for Hindus from our surrounding counties where there may not be a Mandir or Priest available. Pandit Premchand Thug and Raj Mistry answered a request from the Chaplin at Bury St Edmunds Hospital and visited a terminally ill lady whose husband had requested a Hindu priest.

4. Financial Report

Our thanks to Vinor Masani and Pradip Ghosh for taking on the Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer posts. They have worked tirelessly to ensure our accounts are sound not only from a membership perspective but also from tracking donations made at all of our events. Details can be found in the Treasurers report.



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5. Members Support Always Welcome

As with most Charities, all of the work for the charity is done by volunteers. In that respect we would like to encourage more members to come forward and volunteer to help with events, open the temple or bring along suggestions of what else we can do to make our Samaj even better.

6. Thank You to all of our Volunteers

I have already mentioned some specific individuals for their help in running our events. I would like to express specific appreciation to Pandit Ji Premchand, his wife Rosey and Krishna whose dedication to the temple is unwavering. Without their support we would not have been able to run many of the events that were held in 2024. They are a shining example of dedicated service to the community. We also thank the Marathi, Telegu, Bangladeshi and Tamil communities, for supporting and taking part in our events. A special thank you goes to our volunteers on the committee (Sachin Karale, Martin Spettigue, Vinod Masani, Pradip Ghosh, Thanusha Soni, Krishan Pillay, Bhima Vungarala) and Temple Rota (Debarata Chowdhuri, Vijaya Mitnala, Ritwik Mangal, Punna Athwall, Srikanth Konda) for their support during the year.

7. Concluding Remarks

We want to grow our Samaj and move to new premises going forward. With your support I know we can achieve both. We look forward to seeing you all in the coming months, volunteering and taking part in the events that are being organised. If you have any questions, suggestions or feedback than please contact me at secretary@theihs.co.uk.

Raj Mistry
IHS Secretary



Ipswich Hindu Samaj
Summary of Unaudited Accounts 2024

The Ipswich Hindu Samaj Limited (Charity No 1165048)				
Income and Expenditure Account as on 31-12-2024				
	Item#	2024	2023	
INCOME	Full Family Membership	£ 750.00	£ 450.00	
	Single Membership	£ 460.00	£ 80.00	
	Life Membership	£ 900.00	£ -	
	Associate Membership	£ -	£ 45.00	
	Donations - Classes	£ 717.00	£13,441.52	
	Gift Aid Tax Return	£ 4,982.43	£ -	
	Fund Raising & Local Giving	£ 3,967.00	£ 130.51	
	Rent Received	£ 95.00	£ 45.00	
	Event sponsorships	£ 4,171.50	£ -	
	Donations - Temple Collections	£ 7,545.78	£ -	
	Donations - SOM (Regular Monthly)	£ 4,117.00	£ 4,678.84	
	Interest	£ 1,336.21	£ 1,000.70	
	Petty Cash	£ 225.92	£ -	
	TOTAL INCOME (A)		£29,267.84	£19,871.57
	EXPENDITURE	Postage	£ -	£ -
Stationary		£ -	£ 21.00	
Expenditure		£ 965.02	£ -	
Insurance & Advertising		£ 1,543.67	£ 212.80	
Hire Charges		£ 540.00	£ 516.50	
Fund Raising Expenses		£ -	£ 417.60	
Professional Fees + NIC		£ 13.00	£ 13.00	
Phone		£ -	£ 567.28	
Membership		£ 100.00	£ 100.00	
Maintenance & Cleaning		£ 335.00	£ 512.10	
Fixtures & Fittings		£ 43.46	£ 39.22	
Office Furniture		£ -	£ -	
Donation		£ 100.00	£ -	
Rent & Service Charges		£14,374.27	£18,289.64	
Electricity		£ 1,172.67	£ 1,210.76	
Repairs & Enhancements		£ -	£ -	
Restricted Grants Expenses		£ -	£ 143.88	
DBS		£ 12.00	£ -	
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Full Family Membership		600.00	600.00	600.00		450.00	450.00	600.00
Single Membership		130.00	130.00	150.00		130.00	130.00	150.00
Life Membership		-	-	1,000.00		-	-	900.00
Donations		11,228.38	11,228.38	6,000.00		5,800.99	5,800.99	6,000.00
Gift Aid Tax refund		3,492.55	3,492.55	3,500.00		2,949.85	2,949.85	3,500.00
Fund raising & Local giving		5,867.60	5,867.60	1,500.00		-	-	3,000.00
Restricted Grants	-		-		-		-	
Unrestricted Grants		-	-	1,000.00		-	-	1,000.00
Interest Received		173.88	173.88	50.00		7.39	7.39	100.00
Rent Received		-	-	100.00		-	-	100.00
PM care donations			-		3,647.00	-	3,647.00	
Donations for Sustainability of Mandir		4,787.25	4,787.25	7,300.00		3,852.65	3,852.65	6,600.00
Total	-	26,279.66	26,279.66	21,200.00	3,647.00	13,190.88	16,837.88	21,950.00
Expenditure								
Postage		16.92	16.92	50.00	-	0.69	0.69	50.00
Stationary		26.88	26.88	200.00	-	2.69	2.69	200.00
Insurance & Advertising		212.80	212.80	250.00	-	212.80	212.80	250.00
Hire Charges		-	-	300.00	-	-	-	300.00
Fund Raising Exps		605.04	605.04	500.00	-	228.43	228.43	500.00
Professional Fees +NIC		109.00	109.00	250.00	-	19.00	19.00	500.00
Phone		501.35	501.35	500.00	-	461.28	461.28	500.00
Membership		100.00	100.00	150.00	-	-	-	150.00
Maintenance & Cleaning of Premises		220.05	220.05	500.00	-	105.75	105.75	1,000.00
Fixtures and Fittings		-	-	1,000.00	-	-	-	1,000.00
Office Furniture		-	-	300.00	-	-	-	300.00
Donation		150.00	150.00		-	30.00	30.00	
Rent & Service Charges (incl. Insurance)		13,254.16	13,254.16	13,200.00	-	12,781.89	12,781.89	13,200.00
Electric		941.94	941.94	1,000.00	-	768.54	768.54	1,000.00
PM care donations remittance			-		3,647.00		3,647.00	
Repairs and Enhancement of premisses		932.00	932.00	2,000.00	-	-	-	2,000.00
Restricted Grants Expenses	143.88	-	143.88		694.75	-	694.75	
Contingency			-	1,000.00			-	1,000.00
Sub-total	143.88	17,070.14	17,214.02	21,200.00	4,341.75	14,611.07	18,952.82	21,950.00
Surplus /(deficit) of Income o	- 143.88	9,209.52	9,065.64		- 694.75	- 1,420.19	- 2,114.94	-
Total	-	26,279.66	26,279.66	21,200.00	3,647.00	13,190.88	16,837.88	21,950.00
Reserve at 1-1-22	1,552.53	73,198.28	74,750.81		2,247.28	74,618.47	76,865.75	
Surplus/(Deficit) as above	- 143.88	9,209.52	9,065.64		- 694.75	- 1,420.19	- 2,114.94	-
Reserve at 31-12-22	1,408.65	82,407.80	83,816.45		1,552.53	73,198.28	74,750.81	
Represented by :-								
Sundry Creditors			- 25.00				- 25.00	
Other Asset							-	
Current Bank Account			-				- 167.70	
Deposit Bank Account			83,841.45				74,943.51	
			83,816.45				74,750.81	-
Note:-								
1. Out of the current Reserve, £36,000 is ring fenced to cover the cost of Rent, Service charge and Insurane up to the optionof break of lease date on 5.11.25								
2. The balance of the available reserve is intended to fully use against possible purchase of the premises in the future for the Samaj								
C.Patel.Treasurer	<i>C Patel</i>							
U Patel, Chair	U Patel							
Examined/ Audited : J Patel	J Patel							

Chairman's report:

2022 has been another challenging year and in spite of that , with the help of committee members and volunteers IHS has enjoyed a successful year in organising events, visits from organisations, forging links with wider communities: all of which are good signs of an active and progressive community organisation. Wider Hindu community is beginning to utilise the premises which is great to see and hopefully will continue to do so. As some of founding members progress in life the baton has to be handed over to newer members of the community to take the IHS to higher levels. We hope that new faces to the committee come forward to run the organisation and with it new ideas and greater integration into the wider community.

It is time I feel for me personally to hand the reins over as I feel I have done what I can for past few years. For me there are different challenges to face and I sincerely hope that the IHS goes from strength to strength. I would like to thank each and every one of you for your hard work and support in whatever capacity you have given in running of IHS whilst I have been at the helm. Our culture and values have to be passed on the next generation and the same have to be made aware to the wider community, both of which need hard work persistence.

Thank you ALL once again.