



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

		Period start date				Period end date	
		01	04	2020		31	03
						2021	
From				To			

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name Social Education Voluntary Association (SEVA) Trust UK

Other names charity is known by SEVA Trust UK

Registered charity number (if any) 1172654

Charity's principal address 44 Wood End Close

Sharnbrook

Bedford

Postcode

MK44 1JY

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	Charan Sekhon (Mr)	Chairman		Charity trustees (by resolution)
2	Dr Baljit Upadhyay (Mrs)	Vice-Chair		Charity trustees (by resolution)
3	Shital Gandhi (Mrs)	Community Engagement		Charity trustees (by resolution)
4	Kunwarjeet Pannu (Mrs)	Youth Group Coordinator		Charity trustees (by resolution)
5	Satnam Galsin (Mr)	Treasurer		Charity trustees (by resolution)
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

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

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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Constitution adopted on 22/01/2017 (amended on 20/02/2019)
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO)
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Appointed by resolution by the charity trustees

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.

Policy & Procedures in place:

1. Covid19 Guidance for Volunteers
2. Covid19 Risk Assessment
3. Complaints Policy
4. Equality & Diversity Policy
5. Safeguarding Children Policy
6. Safeguarding Adult Policy
7. Data Protection Policy
8. Photography/Filming Consent Forms
9. Volunteer Recruitment/Application Form
10. Volunteer Induction Check List
11. Volunteer Code of Conduct
12. Volunteer Expenses Policy
13. Feedback Forms
14. GDPR Info & Notifications
15. International Projects (Risk Assessment Checklist & Matrix)
16. Students COVID19 hardship grant application form

Section C Objectives and activities

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

Education – For the public benefit to promote the education of students from Black and Minority Ethnic (BAME) background in Bedfordshire and elsewhere in England and for underprivileged communities in northern India and elsewhere in India in such ways as the charity trustees think fit, including, but not limited to:

- (1) awarding to such persons scholarships, maintenance allowances or grants tenable at any university, college, school or institution of higher or further education;

- (2) providing coaching, mentoring to furtherance of that education, guidance for higher studies, oversees studies or for entry to any occupation, trade or profession on leaving any educational establishment.

Health & Wellbeing – For the public benefit to promote health & wellbeing among BAME communities in Bedfordshire and elsewhere in England and underprivileged communities in northern India and elsewhere in India including, but not limited to:

- (3) coordinating health awareness (including mental health) and yoga sessions;
- (4) arranging or assisting in organising health checks.

Environment - To promote for the benefit of the public the conservation, protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment among BAME communities in Bedfordshire and elsewhere in England and underprivileged communities, farmers and pollution affected areas in northern India and elsewhere in India in such ways as the charity trustees think fit, including, but not limited to:

- (5) coordinating sessions to raise awareness of ecological and environmental sustainability, local and global environmental issues and challenges;
- (6) arranging or assisting in environmental monitoring and sharing the findings with the local communities and the appropriate bodies;
- (7) promoting eco-friendly and sustainable lifestyles including helping to explore renewable energy sources such as solar and wind power.

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)

Main Activities:

1. COVID19 Community Support in the UK

The Global Coronavirus pandemic brought tough times for all, disrupting our day-to-day lives. In addition to the immediate impacts on health, jobs and income, the epidemic caused major issues for all. However, the impacts of COVID19 have been more severe for the most disadvantaged, Black, Asian & Minority Ethnic (BAME) communities, vulnerable and elderly, low-paid and part-time workers especially the international students and homeless people.

We are a small but a dedicated charity which is run by unpaid volunteers. We do not have any paid staff in our charity (more details in the next section, page 13). As listed in the objects section, we mainly focus on (but are not limited to) Education, Health & Environment related projects in Bedfordshire and educational support for disadvantaged children in India. Due to the Coronavirus pandemic, Trustees decided to focus on COVID19 community support projects using funds from educational projects. Just before the first national lockdown started on 23/03/20, panic buying triggered major shortages of staple food and daily essentials. The elderly and vulnerable, people with special dietary needs and the international students (who were unable to travel back to their home countries) were impacted badly.

We undertook the relevant risk assessments to ensure we can deliver the support safely and we put in place the needed safeguards to protect our volunteers and trustees involved in this project. We followed the Government and Bedford Borough COVID19 guidelines and rules. We also kept up-to-date with the Charity Commission guidelines and constantly reviewed our COVID19 and other H&S processes. We provided the relevant PPE equipment and items to protect all involved in these projects.

Leading from the front and under the leadership of our Chair, all Trustees joined the volunteers. All working as a strong team, we delivered many key projects without a single paid staff member. We are truly proud to be the first charity in Bedfordshire run by all unpaid volunteers to set up free food hubs for the local communities and for the international students as well as setting up various partnership projects to reach a maximum number of people who were desperate for urgent help and support.

Our total spending on COVID19 projects (food, health & wellbeing) was £15,998 that included £10,375 grants support. Full details of all our income and expenditure are listed in the accounts section and here is the summary of our key projects and outcomes.

1.1 Food & essential items support:

During 2020-21, we supported:

- 1. 350+ families and individuals facing hardships**
- 2. 750+ International Students (inc. fee & accommodation matters)**
- 3. 50+ homeless**
- 4. 1 Women's Refuge Centre in Bedford**

We delivered:

- 5. 4000+ Food Parcels**
- 6. 2000+ Hot-meals**

Through joint projects:

- 7. 1000 Hot-meals**
- 8. 230 Ready cooked vegetarian meals**
- 9. 500 Food Parcels & Meals for people on special dietary needs**
- 10. 324 Food Parcels**

Total = 8000+ Meals & Food Parcels

Note: Though we scaled down our food support operation during summer 2021, our staple food support and hot meals for the most vulnerable and exceptional cases is still continuing to-date. More details are on our social media handles @SEVATrustUK

1.2 Donations for other local and national charities involved in COVID19 food support projects = £1500

£1100 donated to Khalsa Aid, UK to support their COVID19 project for International Students

£250 donated to Sri Guru Ravidass Bhawan & Community Centre, Bedford to support their COVID19 hot-meals project for NHS staff & Emergency Services

£150 donated to Dunstable Food Bank (Bedfordshire) for their COVID19 projects and for their donation of food towards our projects.

1.3 Food Donations to other local charities and joint projects support = £1493.95

£1000 food, groceries and ready cooked meals delivered to SGRS, Bedford (a registered charity) for their COVID19 hot meals project in Bedford for NHS staff, emergency services, vulnerable families and international students.

This joint project enabled SGRS to deliver around 1230 meals (1000 freshly cooked hot-meals and 230 ready cooked Asian meals).

£443.95 (Atta, Rice and Asian Groceries) part of our joint project with ACCM(UK) Bedford (regd. charity) to support elderly and other vulnerable people from BAME and other communities. During this joint project from 19/03/20 to 30/06/20 total 324 food parcels were delivered.

Donation of staple food (vegetarian) for Sathya Sai and SHITAL organisations who delivered over 500 food parcels and hot meals in Milton Keynes and Cranfield. Both organisations supported us for our international students COVID19 support projects.

1.4 Food hubs, students support, free door-to-door deliveries & collaborative work

In addition to all the above joint initiatives, we set up various food hubs in Bedford, Luton and Milton Keynes, all managed and run by SEVA Trust volunteers. We advertised about our support via social media, local community and faith groups to ensure people can access the support services we offered. Local and national media highlighted our efforts.

- **Support for homeless and rough-sleepers in Bedford**

Working with SMART CJS (a charity supporting homeless), we supported over 50 homeless and rough-sleepers and provided fortnightly deliveries

of staple food for 6 months (Sept 20 to March 21). At the end of this project we received the following feedback.

"We are in awe of the breadth of work done by our friends at the SEVA Trust UK in Bedford and overseas. We are extremely grateful to them for their practical support to SMART Prebend and the homeless and rough sleepers that we have accommodated during the past year. The SEVA team made 14 deliveries of staple food to our temporary homeless hotel-base throughout the pandemic, helping SMART CJS to provide hundreds of meals and snacks. To mark several significant occasions such as Christmas and Easter, volunteers also delivered treat trays consisting of delicious freshly made cakes. The Trust's ongoing commitment and thoughtful gestures help vulnerable people who need our help to feel valued and cared for. We believe that the SEVA Trust's actions and compassion has helped many rough sleepers to lead healthier lives and thus they are better able to make positive and lasting change. A great and lasting gift to make – thank you for all that you do to make lives better!" - Anita McCallum, CEO, SMART CJS

- **Support for children and parents of Biddenham International School and Sports College, Bedford**

Following a request from the school, we supported over 50 families during and post lockdown periods. These families were facing hardships due to loss of family income and/or COVID19 self-isolations. We are touched by the messages and feedback many parents sent us. The school management thanked our volunteers for this support.

<https://twitter.com/BiddenhamIntSch/status/1282252621458309120>

- **Support for flood impacted rural communities of Bedfordshire during Christmas 2020**

After a tough year for all and running community support projects throughout the year without any break, we decided to take a short break during X-mas. However, record levels of rain caused severe flooding and Bedford and surrounding villages were impacted badly. Large numbers of properties were evacuated on X-mas day with a few hours' notice. Led by our Chair, all trustees supported by our volunteers provided immediate food support to over 15 families living in temporary accommodation and/or with friends.

Whilst helping Bedford flooding affected communities, we liaised with Bedford Borough Council Response Team and our Trustees decided to enrol SEVA Trust UK on Bedfordshire Local Emergency Volunteers Executive Committee (BLEVEC). This is a partnership of about 30 charity/voluntary and community group organisations that work together in an emergency to provide support to those affected. The group is directly involved in the official command and control groups set up by the emergency services and councils and assist in the coordination of the voluntary sector response. Being part of this group allows us to get to know all about the emergency response structures and be involved in any emergency response formally and in a coordinated way. We agreed to assist with sharing warning and informing with diverse communities in event of any emergency and related info this group want to share.

<https://www.bedfordindependent.co.uk/thanks-given-to-those-who-showed-bedford-boroughs-incredible-community-spirit/>

- **Support for International students, liaison with universities, students unions and the Indian High Commission (HCI), London**

We worked closely with the students support teams of Cranfield University, University of Bedfordshire and University of Hertfordshire to identify the students who needed urgent help and delivered a wide range of staple food and hot meals to their residence throughout the COVID19.

We set up a dedicated students support team lead by our Chair Charan Sekhon and supported by our Vice-chair Dr Baljit Upadhyay. Our team dealt with a wide range of students' issues including requests and queries about fee support, rent & accommodation, health, wellbeing and emotional support.

We were listed as COVID19 Support Group by the Indian High Commission (HCI), London who compiled a list of leading charities and groups offering help to international students and tourists stranded during the national lockdowns. Large numbers of queries came through this route and we attended regular online meetings involving the HCI team, community and charity reps and the other stakeholders.

We received an excellent feedback from the Indian High Commission and many Community and Charitable Groups involved in this projects who had the full insight of our ongoing efforts.

In addition to our direct liaisons with the universities, we worked in collaboration with two national students' unions to ensure we can reach a maximum number of students in need:

- **INSA (India National Students Union)**
- **NISAU (National Indian Students & Alumni Union)**

Both the unions advertised our services on their social media platforms and directed regular queries for food and other support we were able to offer. We supported over 750 students with staple food, hot-meals, advice and support for university fee and rent issues, help and advice regarding overseas travel, mental health and emotional support. Many NHS doctors, pharmacists, lawyers and other professionals volunteered to support our work helping students facing tough times who had no family support in the UK.

We received really positive feedback from a large number of students and the student unions. Many left their feedback and comments on Google Review and on our social media platforms @SEVATrustUK

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-beds-bucks-herts-53695076>

- **Launch of 'Adopt an international student' initiative and issued 6 hardship grants**

We held an online Zoom and Facebook Live session on 21st Feb 2021 covering - COVID19 Challenges & Issues for International Students, Support Efforts by SEVA Trust UK & Launch of new Project 'Adopt an International Student'.

Attended by students from around 5 Universities, SEVA Trust UK & India trustee's team, volunteers & coordinator, our adviser Dr Opinderjit Takhar MBE, Director of Sikh & Punjabi Studies, University of Wolverhampton, Ms Anima Barnwal (Ist Secretary ITOU, Education & Eco – Indian High

Commission, London) reps & volunteers of local community and charitable groups all joined in. We launched this project with the aim to connect international students with local families from their own culture so that in the event of an urgent help, a local family can support them.

In the first stage this project we successfully connected 15 Indian students in Bedford and Luton to local Indian families.

We introduced hardship grant application process and issued hardship grants to 6 students (£100 per students) in need of urgent help (4 grants paid by 31/03/21 and 2 paid in the first week of April 2021).

<https://www.asian-voice.com/News/UK/SEVA-Trust-UK-launches-%E2%80%98Adopt-a-Student%E2%80%99-project-to-help-international-stude>

- **Work with Bedford Borough, UNISON & other organisations**

We worked closely with Bedford Borough Council lead community support hub, providing volunteers for free food deliveries and free interpretation services for people for whom English is not their first language. We worked with UNISON Welfare Officers and Reps of Bedford and Luton who helped to identify people in need. Some UNISON reps also volunteered to deliver food parcels. We were featured in the list of helpers Bedford Borough Council, CVS Bedford and UNISON prepared to signpost people in need.

<https://www.bedfordindependent.co.uk/international-students-in-bedford-starving-in-coronavirus-lockdown/>

- **Volunteers network & COVID19 working policies and procedures**

In order to respond to emergency support situations, we need a strong network of volunteers. We are pleased to strengthen our volunteers and supporting partners' network. During the peak times of COVID19 crisis, we had over 25 volunteers covering the food hubs and doing daily home deliveries of food and essentials. Though COVID19 brought tough times for all but a big positive outcome was that large number of people from all communities came forward to help and support. We set up all the needed COVID19 related policies and procedures to ensure we can provide a safe working environment to all our volunteers and throughout the year we regularly reviewed it.

We feel proud to complete this tough year without a single H&S related incident or any other shortfall. This demonstrates our commitment, ability to plan, handle and deliver complex and emergency projects within tight deadlines.

- **Big Thanks to All our supporting partners and volunteers**

It was a very tough year for all but we reached-out to a very large number of people and students. It was only possible due to a collective effort and support by all. We received amazing support from many local and national organisations who provided us with some of the staple food we needed. Many individuals offered to help us with food shopping, door to door deliveries and other support.

We would like to thank the following and everyone else who supported us in one way or another.

Bandhan Bedford Group (Indian Women Group)
UNISON East Anglia (Env. Agency) Branch
Maharashtra Mandal London
Baba Zorawar Singh Baba Fateh Singh Gurdwara Milton Keynes
Sri Guru Ravidass Temple & Community Centre, Bedford
Guru Nanak Gurdwara, Bedford
Guru Gobind Singh Gurdwara, Kempston
Sri Sathya Sai and SHITAL Organisations, Milton Keynes
Inter Collegiate Prayer Fellowship (ICPF), UK
Akhilesh Sharma - Srinivas/Usha Charitable Trust, London
Indian High Commission, London
Indian Students Unions

Dr Uma Rajesh – NHS Doctors Group (Hull & East Yorkshire)
Dr Vishen Ramkissoon – One Health Care
Dr. K Gajana – Indian Association Manchester
Arpan Kaur – NHS Pharmacist, Bedford

Jat Singh Patti (Senior Lawyer) - Stanmore Law Practice
Urvi Shah - Vision Solicitors
Shalini V Bhargava – MD Aschfords Law

Dr Sally McGrath - Biddenham School, Bedford
Catherine Ward, UNISON – Bedford
Pastor Bryce Heard - Nottingham
Vishal Thakrar - Go Dharmic
Rikul Patel - Jalaram Foods, London

Irina & Maria Ermakova - Bedford
Hilary Clifton - Bedford
Hannah Ventisei – Bedford
Saurabh Sethi – Bedford
Jatinder Singh - Bedford
Jasjot Singh - Bedford
Pallavi Sahonte – Bedford
Mr & Mrs Surinder Gupta – Bedford
Seema Grantham – Bedford
Devinder Kaur Gabri – Bedford
Sati Kaur Judge – Bedford
Mr & Mrs Ram Bangaru - Bedford
Kuladeep Tajamudilli – Cranfield
Satej Dessai - Cranfield
Heema Chauhan – Cranfield
Palwinder Kandola - Hitchin
Balbir Chowdhary - London
Sanjeev Tiwary - London
Rajeev Sachdeva - London

Ella & Raj Shah - Luton
Balbir Kaur - Luton
Paul Britzer & Keerthi Eadara - Luton

Naminder Kaur Shergill -Milton Keynes
Harbind Singh Seyan – Milton Keynes
Amrik Singh Hothi – Milton Keynes

2. COVID19 Community Support in India

Our main focus has been on UK projects this year. However, through SEVA Trust (India) many disadvantaged children received support (further details in the Education section below) and SEVA Trust India

team supported 'Feeding From Far' food project in Govandi, Mumbai, where most of the daily wage (low paid) workers reside, and who have been struggling to sustain in the lockdowns.

3. Health & Wellbeing

Activities in the UK

From Oct 2020 to March 2021 we facilitated and delivered:

52 Free Online Health Awareness, Exercise and Yoga Session (two sessions per week) with average 55 participants per session (mainly BAME females). This is regarded as 'hard to reach' group and needed urgent support for their health and wellbeing throughout COVID19.

15 Free Online Sessions on COVID19 and Health Awareness by Medical Practitioners, NHS Doctors and Consultants.

50 Exercise and Yoga mats donated.

Sept 20: To support Public Health team at Bedford Borough Council our Trustee Dr Baljit Upadhyay volunteered to represent our charity on this new community support group whilst acting as the 'Covid19 Health Champion for Bedford'. This group was jointly set up by Public Health and Bedford Borough to engage with the diverse communities on the COVID19 related matters.

From Sept to Oct 20: We supported and attended NHS Test & Trace App Stakeholder Engagement Project meetings led by NHS (Fuad Hendricks – NHS Stakeholder Engagement Lead) and provided useful community feedback that helped to improve the NHS Trace & Test App.

Dec 20: Provided feedback and suggestions to Bedford Borough Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee to help with their review to look at the communication and language barriers people experience in accessing and using health services.

Feb 21: We supported Bedford Borough Council and Public Health lead research looking to identifying what is happening locally in terms of food poverty and emergency food support during COVID and took part in this study program and provided useful information and feedback.

Activities in India

March 21: SEVA Trust India team organised a large blood donation camp in collaboration with Shree Bala Ji Dham Haldri and local youth groups of District Ambala, Haryana (India). Nearly 150 people donated blood raising 141 units of blood. The event was attended by large numbers of youth groups and reps from rural communities as well as many reps from voluntary groups working on social causes.

<https://www.facebook.com/SEVATrustIndia/photos/pcb.257145446058759/257145309392106/>

4. Education

Activities in the UK

2020/21: We continue working with many public sector organisations including Borough Council Communities, Team Bedfordshire, Fire & Rescue and Police Community Cohesion teams to promote jobs through

our local events and social media among BAME communities who are underrepresented in public services.

Mar. 21: Further to a request from Biddenham International School & Sports College to deliver a presentation to their student as part of their learning, we delivered this session on the given topic of the 'Concept of giving and helping others' to help the children and raise awareness about helping others.

Feb. 21: We held online Zoom and Facebook Live session involving international students from 5 universities to discuss the challenges they face and to put in place needed support to ensure they complete their studies. 6 students received a hardship grant of £100 each.

Aug. 20: SEVA Trust team lead by our Chair, played an instrumental role in supporting Bedford Bandhan Group who organised Indian Independence Day celebrations in Bedford on 15/08/20. The unique event was held as per COVID19 protocol and it was a combination of virtual and an outdoor ceremony involving the unfurling of the Indian flag which was broadcast live from the old Town Hall. The online event was attended by around 200 people.

Our team engaged with many community groups and helped in sharing information with the student groups. This was a great community and educational event that helped in promoting community cohesion and involved the youth and diverse community groups.

<https://www.bedfordindependent.co.uk/bedford-celebrates-74th-anniversary-of-indian-independence-day-in-style/>

Jan. to Mar. 21: We along with SEVA Trust India forged partnerships with:

Strive 2 thrive Edu, USA based NGO – To provide free online tutoring to children in India from disadvantaged and low income background who are unable to afford private education.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IAXpSyONTok&ab_channel=SEVATrustUK

Enlight a Kid, Canada based NGO – To provide educational grants and other education equipment to disadvantaged children in India.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QH2QytaMQDE&ab_channel=SEVATrustUK

Activities in India

1. As we reported in our last year's report that the donation of £5000 we sent during 2019/20 for educational support projects in India (donation Ref: FCRA 172210024), due to COVID19 that project was delayed and delivered in Jan. 2021. This project was led by our SEVA Trust UK (India) team in collaboration with Zila Yuva Vikas Sanghathan (ZYVS) supported by local schools and teaching & academic professionals.

40 children from low-income and disadvantaged families received high spec Samsung Galaxy Tablets 8.0 to help with their online learning. These children were selected from 12 different villages in Pakhowal Block & one student from a village near Jalandhar in Punjab (India). All children were selected by the teaching & academic staff based on their family economic circumstances, family hardships and their academic

track record. Due to Covid19 all study moved online and these children were unable to afford smart devices to study online. SEVA Trust India team also provided projectors, CCTV cameras and other equipment to a number of rural schools to help to improve educational facilities.

<https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/ludhiana/40-needy-students-were-given-tablets-to-aid-them-in-online-learning/articleshow/80222404.cms>

<https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/chandigarh/uk-based-ngo-donates-projectors-to-govt-schools/articleshow/82134415.cms>

5. Environment

Activities in the UK

Due to our focus on the COVID19 projects, we were not able to organise any major activities on the environment but we promoted 'World Environment Day' and 'Sikh Environment Day' led by the Eco-Sikh through our social media platforms.

Activities in India

May 2020: We were invited to be part of panel discussions on the topic of Coronavirus Pandemic – Challenges and revival of the environment organised by Guru Nanak Engineering College, Ludhiana, Punjab (India). Our Chair was one the keynote speakers and the discussions covered environmental issues for the UK and India.

https://m.facebook.com/ckssekhon/posts/769735080394223?locale2=hi_IN&_se_imp=16f5NJnoueXpz17aO

https://www.facebook.com/permalink.php?id=277688089598927&story_fbid=550920225609044

6. Other input and support

1. We helped young drivers and families who contacted us during COVID19 for help regarding lack of driving test slots at Bedford Centre. We raised this issue with Bedford MP who wrote to Transport Minister and updated all parents who contacted us for help.
2. We provided useful input and feedback in 'COVID19 Community Conversations & Group Consultation' lead by the Harpur Trust involving 5 local charities and community reps. It covered many topics such as key challenges, issues and how best we can support local communities.
3. Our Trustees attended various online community meetings and events throughout the year including the Charity Commission for England and Wales Annual Public Meeting 2020 on 01/10/20.

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.

Our motto is 'True Service to Humanity'. All SEVA Trust UK team members (Trustees, Supporting Teams and Advisers) are fully committed volunteers. Any donations received go to fulfil the charitable aims and objectives, not to pay salaries to anyone or expensive overheads.

Here is the financial value of unpaid and voluntary work delivered by our teams to support local communities through Education, Health and Environmental work (based on national minimal wage 2021 figures)

5 Trustees – 36 hrs /week = £321/week = £16, 692 per year (£8.91 per hr)

4 Youth volunteers (age 21 to 24) – 12 hrs /week = £100 = £5200 per year (8.36 per hr)

4 Youth volunteers (age 18 to 20) – 8 hrs /week = £52 = £2704 per year (£6.56 per hr)

12 Volunteers (age 25 & over) – 36 hrs/week = £321/week = £16,692 per year (£8.91 per hr)

Total contributions = £41, 288 per year

SEVA Trust UK Team has given voluntary input equivalent to 41k in 2020/21. This does not include the work and input given by SEVA volunteers in India.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

Achievements, Awards and Media Coverage

Our main achievements are already listed above. Here is a snap-shot of our COVID19 support work for this year in a short video clip:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8LhZgvYmTGo&ab_channel=SEVATrustUK

Here are details of recognitions and awards received.

1. All our volunteers worked very hard and we are proud to receive the 'Non-Profit Organisation of the Year – London & South East Award' for our services and response to Covid19

<https://theasianindependent.co.uk/seva-trust-uk-receives-non-profit-organisation-of-the-year-london-south-east-award-for-their-outstanding-response-to-covid19/>

2. Our Chair Charan Sekhon and Trustees Shital Gandhi received 'Sports Hero's Award' from Bedford Borough Council for supporting diverse communities, especially the elderly and women through free online health and yoga classes.

<https://www.bedfordtoday.co.uk/news/people/bedford-duo-given-sport-award-supporting-diverse-communities-free-online-yoga-classes-3062247>

3. We received a 'Certificate of Appreciation' from HM Lord Lieutenant and High Sheriff of Bedfordshire for the COVID19 community support work.

<https://twitter.com/SEVATrustUK/status/1286472247423762436>

4. We received an excellent feedback and a letter of commendation from MP for Bedford Mohamed Yasin and MP for North East Bedfordshire Richard Fuller.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OC6DuHcnNjw&ab_channel=SEVATrustUK

5. Our Chair Charan Sekhon received a special award from the Sikh Missionary Society for his charitable work and promoting community cohesion.

<https://yespunjab.com/sikh-missionary-society-uk-honours-seva-trust-uk-chairman-charan-sekhon-for-his-contribution-seva/>

6. In addition to all the above activities, on behalf of the UK Indian diaspora, we led a campaign for better direct air connectivity between London and Punjab. We have been interacting and working with many charitable organisations in the UK and Punjab. One of the most common issues faced by all charities supporting the youth development & education projects in Punjab is the lack of direct connectivity leading to a long and stressful journey. Therefore, we decided to work on this issue in partnership with other NGOs and we were so pleased with a massive positive outcome as the direct flights finally commenced from London Stansted to Amritsar, Punjab.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ebf5lwdvLhU&ab_channel=SEVATrustUK

Media Coverage:

BBC Look East News

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vJfaR5nSJE&ab_channel=SEVATrustUK

BBC World News (English)

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZHVKVEZlca4&ab_channel=SEVATrustUK

BBC World Service (Hindi)

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GwhM97LaRhc&ab_channel=SEVATrustUK

C4 News

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vOQh0XodOZc&ab_channel=SEVATrustUK

CNN News 18

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KAntew_Tggc&ab_channel=SEVATrustUK

BBC Online

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-beds-bucks-herts-55015596>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-beds-bucks-herts-53695076>

The Guardian

<https://www.theguardian.com/education/2020/may/01/indian-students-trapped-in-uk-by-coronavirus-actually-starving>

Bedford Independent

<https://www.bedfordindependent.co.uk/international-students-in-bedford-starving-in-coronavirus-lockdown/>

Bedford Today

<https://www.bedfordtoday.co.uk/news/people/bedford-based-charity-unveils-fortnightly-free-food-delivery-service-homeless-and-rough-sleepers-3023441>

There have been many other updates. For further details please check out our Twitter, Facebook, Instagram or YouTube links: @SEVATrustUK

<https://twitter.com/SEVATrustUK>

<https://www.facebook.com/SEVATrustUK/>

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC4Ff7Wj-TIWmgUEFFEPdJJQ/videos>

Section E Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

N/A

Details of any funds materially in deficit

N/A

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.

All details covered in our financial statement (Ref - Receipts and payments accounts Report CC16a)

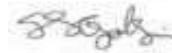
Section F Other optional information

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)

Charan Kanwal Singh Sekhon

Satnam Singh Galsin

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

Chair & Trustee

Treasurer & Trustee

Date

21/10/2021

**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of
Social Education Voluntary Association (SEVA) Trust UK
for the year ended 31 March 2021**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Social Education Voluntary Association (SEVA) Trust UK (the charity) for the year ended 31 March 2021.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').


I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

I have no concerns and 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.

Signed  Date 28/10/2021
John O'Brien MSc, FCCA, FCIE
Employee of Community Accounting Plus



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Social Education Voluntary Association (SEVA) Trust UK 1172654
SEVA Trust UK

Receipts and payments accounts

CC16a

For the period
from

01/04/2020



To

31/03/2021

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					
Donations & Gift Aid	28,751		-	28,751	8,500
Grants		10,375	-	10,375	-
Refunds	598	-	-	598	-
Fundraising	-	-	-	-	340
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	29,349	10,375	-	39,724	8,840
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	29,349	10,375	-	39,724	8,840
A3 Payments					
Charitable activities & projects (COVID19 food support & health projects)	3,442	10,375		13,817	700
Donations & support to other UK charities	1,500	-	-	1,500	1,050
Hardship (COVID19) grant to students	400	-	-	400	-
Insurance	153	-	-	153	100
Other Expenditure (Postage, stationary, publicity & printing)	128	-	-	128	307
Educational support projects in India	-	-	-	-	5,000
Charity Events & Meetings	-	-	-	-	459
Staff Salary - No paid staff	-	-	-	-	-
Governance Costs	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	5,623	10,375	-	15,998	7,616
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	125
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	125
Total payments	5,623	10,375	-	15,998	7,741
Net of receipts/(payments)	23,726	-	-	23,726	1,099
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	6,988	-	-	6,988	5,889
Cash funds this year end	30,714	-	-	30,714	6,988

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	Current Account balance on 31/03/21	30,700		-
	Cash in hand	14	-	-
			-	-
	Total cash funds	30,714	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Details			
	NA	-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	NA		-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	Mobile phone S10+ purchased 06/01/21	General	599	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
	Independent Examination Fee	General	420	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
		Satnam Galsin	21/10/2021	
		Charan Sekhon	21/10/2021	