



## Trustees' Annual Report for the period

Period start date		To		Period end date	
01	04	2024	31	03	2025
From					

### 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. **Guidance for Volunteers**
2. **Risk Assessment**
3. **Complaints Policy**
4. **Equality & Diversity Policy**
5. **Safeguarding Children Policy**
6. **Safeguarding Adult Policy**
7. **Date 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 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:**

### **1.1 Continuation of Support Projects in East of England**

Cost of living crisis brought challenging times for all. In addition to negative impacts on health (Post Covid19), high level of inflation hit all communities hard especially the most disadvantaged, Black, Asian & Minority Ethnic (BAME) communities, vulnerable and elderly, low-paid and part-time workers, the international students and people experiencing homelessness have been impacted severely.

We are a small but a dedicated charity which is run by all unpaid volunteers. We do not have any paid staff in our charity (more details in the next section, page 8). As listed in the objects section, we mainly focus on (but not limited to) Education, Health & Environment related projects in East of England (Bedfordshire and the surrounding counties). Following Corona pandemic in 2020, the Trustees decided to focus on social welfare and community support projects helping the elderly and vulnerable, people with special dietary needs and international students. We are also supporting education, health and welfare projects for disadvantaged children and communities in India.

During 2024-25, we continued our support projects for families and elderly facing hardships, international students (incl. advice and guidance re fee, accommodation and hardship matters), people experiencing homelessness or in temporary accommodation. Leading from the front and under the leadership of our Chair and Trustees, many new volunteers joined in to support the communities. We also worked closely with the other organisations and charities to ensure a best use of resources and manpower and we delivered 375+ food parcels and other daily use items. We continued our support for the most vulnerable and the elderly people.

From 01 April 2024 to 31 March 2025 we supported:

- 1. 30+ families and elderly facing hardships**
- 2. 25+ int. students (incl. fee & accommodation matters)**
- 3. 55+ people experiencing homelessness or hardships**

\*Total: 375+ Food Parcels and 50+ Hot-meals

\*Note: We receive a significant amounts of food donations and hot meals direct from our donors and volunteers and the supporting partners that helped to keep our charity spending low and allowing us to use funds towards the other core projects that were halted due to COVID19 (please refer to our previous reports). Though we closed our food support hub in April 2021 but our staple food and hot-melas support for the most vulnerable and exceptional cases continued throughout 2024-25. We would like to thank everyone who has sent us direct feedback and through social-media.

More details are on our social media handles (Facebook, Twitter & Instagram) @SEVATrustUK

### **1.2 Donation of funds and staple food to support people facing homelessness and rough-sleepers in Bedfordshire**

Working with SMART CJS (a charity supporting homelessness), we continued our regular support for people experiencing homelessness. We provided many deliveries of staple food throughout the year.

### **1.3 Continuation of Support for International students and liaison with universities**

Our team dealt with a wide range of students' issues including requests for advice and help about tuition fee, rent & accommodation, health, wellbeing and emotional support. We continued our support efforts and dealt with regular students queries for help who lost their part time jobs or unable to support themselves. .

We continue to receive positive feedback from students. Many left their feedback and comments on Google review and on our social media platforms @SEVATrustUK

### **1.4 Work with Bedford Borough, UNISON & other organisations**

We worked closely with Bedford Borough Council lead community support and awareness campaigns and time to time promoted the key messages with the local communities. We continue to work with UNISON Welfare Officers and Reps of East of England who previously helped to identify people in need. We donated £110 for local charities helping elderly and families from diverse communities to meet their various needs. We continue to support various community initiatives and community cohesion (further details in section 3 below)

### **1.5 Volunteers network & 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. We have robust policies and procedures in place to ensure we follow the latest guidelines and rules. We regularly review our policies and procedures to ensure we can provide a safe working environment to all our volunteers. We feel proud to complete another challenging 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

The last few years have been very challenging years for all but we reached-out large number of people and students. It was only possible due to a collective effort and support by all. We received an amazing support from many local and national organisations who provided us significant amounts 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 everyone who supported us in one way or another.

We feel proud to host 'SEVA Trust UK 7<sup>th</sup> Birthday and Community Awards Evening' held on 31<sup>st</sup> July 2024 in Bedford. The charitable event brought the diverse communities together and promoted volunteering and community support. SEVA Trust UK completed 7 Years, serving diverse communities & disadvantaged children & families in England & India.

Over 60 representatives & leaders of various charities, voluntary groups & organisations from East of England joined in for Charity Dinner & Awards Evening to celebrate successes & to honour exceptional individuals & community organisations who have given great community services in Bedfordshire and other part of East of England. The panel of special guests included MP for Bedford & Kempston Mohammad Yasin and the Mayor of Kempston Mohammad Nawaz. The event was attended by senior members of local communities, reps of leading charities & voluntary organisations of Bedfordshire involving Gurdwaras, Temples,

Sports Council, Youth Groups, UNISON and reps of local businesses, volunteers and the supporting partners of SEVA Trust. For further details please visit the following links:

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

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=bgtCHkgL1ro](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bgtCHkgL1ro)

## **Health and Wellbeing**

### **2.1 Continuation of support for Yoga and Health sessions**

We launched a new face to face health awareness, exercise and yoga classes in March 2023 that has been well used by BAME females. This is regarded as 'hard to reach' group. We also continue to promote International Yoga Day and other Health Awareness Days among diverse communities.

## **Education**

### **3.1 Promoting job opportunities**

Many public sectors are struggling to reflect the communities they serve. They are not able to attract enough candidates from diverse communities. Throughout the year, we promote local job opportunities with the Council, Fire & Rescue, Police, Schools, NHS, etc. among students and local diverse communities.

### **3.2 Promoting Community Cohesion**

SEVA Trust team lead by our Chair Charan Sekhon, played an instrumental role in supporting Bedford Bandhan Group who organised Indian Independence Day celebrations in Bedford on 15/08/24. The Indian Independence Day event involved cultural program followed by unfurling of the Indian flag at the old Town Hall, Bedford. The event was attended by local dignitaries, leaders and reps of diverse communities and large number of attendees. Our team engaged with many community and youth groups and helped in sharing information with them. This was a great community and educational event that helped in promoting community cohesion and involved the youth and diverse community groups.

### **3.3 Community Support and Other Updates**

We attended various other community meetings/events (for example our stand at Festival of Lights) and educational events throughout the year to promote diversity and community cohesion. Further details are available on our social media platforms.

### **3.4 Community support and educational projects in India\***

SEVA Trust UK (India) Team lead many projects supporting disadvantaged families and children by providing immunity booster kits, daily use essentials, health awareness workshops, blood donation camps and many more. More details are available on Twitter, Facebook and Instagram: @SEVATrustIndia

\*Note: All projects in India are led by SEVA Trust UK (India) which is a registered public trust in India. For further details please visit:

[www.sevatrustuk.org](http://www.sevatrustuk.org)

## **Environment**

We supported a wide range of environmental projects in Bedfordshire including Litter pick days, Tree Plantation and prompting environmental awareness messages via our social media platforms reaching out to diverse communities' groups.

SEVA Trust UK (India) Team lead many tree planation projects in India. Further details are available at Facebook @SEVATrustIndia

## **Other Projects**

We are pleased to support and be part of this landmark project lead SEVA Trust UK (India) to establish India's 1st free multifacility of this type. A comprehensive "Multi-Facility Centre" managed and operated by SEVA Trust UK (India) which is dedicated to education, healthcare, environmental sustainability, and social welfare. A proposed building covering 59,895 square feet area near Village Saha, District Ambala, Haryana (India), this state-of-the-art centre is designed to provide comprehensive care and support for disadvantaged and marginalised children and families, with a special focus on children suffering from Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy (DMD) and other rare diseases. It will include a Diagnostic Centre (a fully equipped facility providing diagnostic services to support the health and well-being of the community), a Computer Skill Development Centre for Girls (a training centre designed to empower young girls with vital computer skills to enhance their educational and career prospects), a Sewing Training & Production Centre for Women (a vocational training and production centre aimed at providing women, especially those from rural backgrounds, with sewing skills for employment and financial independence), a Senior Citizens Day Care Centre (a supportive environment for senior citizens, offering social interaction, activities, and care throughout the day). Further details are available at:

[www.sevadhaam.org](http://www.sevadhaam.org)

## 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 approximate financial value of unpaid and voluntary work delivered by our teams to support local communities through Education, Health, Environmental work and Social Welfare (based on national minimal wage 2023 figures)

5 Trustees—36 hrs /week = £375/week= £19,500 per year (£10.42 per hr)

4 Youth volunteers (age 21 to 24) – 12 hrs /week = £122 = £6344 per year (10.18 per hr)

4 Youth volunteers (age 18 to 20) – 8 hrs /week = £3115 per year (£7.49 per hr)

12 Volunteers (age 25 & over) – 36 hrs/week = £342/week = £19,500 per year (£10.42 per hr)

Total contributions = £48, 460 per year

**SEVA Trust UK Team has given voluntary input equivalent to 48.5k in 2024/25. 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

[www.iglobalnews.com/icomunity/charity-and-sewa/seva-trust-uk-marks-7-years-of-community-service-in-bedford](http://www.iglobalnews.com/icomunity/charity-and-sewa/seva-trust-uk-marks-7-years-of-community-service-in-bedford)

[www.asian-voice.com/News/UK/Alarming-increase-in-student-homelessness?fbclid=IwY2xjawOol0tleHRuA2FlbQlXMAABzcnRjBmFwcF9pZBAyMjlwMzkxNzg4MjAwODkyAAEenenDigB\\_Mn581MJm0Q\\_Rdy7gWxLYrbYxQhTP-T05K5i0LEMpoThVTIHfaAs\\_aem\\_D9QpmMv6yAco-gEQo9AKTw](http://www.asian-voice.com/News/UK/Alarming-increase-in-student-homelessness?fbclid=IwY2xjawOol0tleHRuA2FlbQlXMAABzcnRjBmFwcF9pZBAyMjlwMzkxNzg4MjAwODkyAAEenenDigB_Mn581MJm0Q_Rdy7gWxLYrbYxQhTP-T05K5i0LEMpoThVTIHfaAs_aem_D9QpmMv6yAco-gEQo9AKTw)

[www.bedfordtoday.co.uk/news/people/bedford-man-becomes-first-british-sikh-to-receive-top-level-award-from-cranfield-university-4779398](http://www.bedfordtoday.co.uk/news/people/bedford-man-becomes-first-british-sikh-to-receive-top-level-award-from-cranfield-university-4779398)

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=bgtCHkgL1ro](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bgtCHkgL1ro)

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=ze1ZLCUOr3k](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ze1ZLCUOr3k)

#### Media updates, feedback from the beneficiaries and our supporting partners

We received an excellent feedback from many beneficiaries, community reps, charity groups and supporting partners. There has been many other updates. For further details please check out our Twitter, Facebook, Instagram or YouTube links: @SEVATrustUK & @SEVATrustIndia

<https://twitter.com/SEVATrustUK>

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

<https://www.instagram.com/sevatrustuk/?hl=en>

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

## Section E

## Financial review

### Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

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

### 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)	<i>CKSekhon</i>	<i>S Galsin</i>
Full name(s)	Charan S Sekhon	Satnam S Galsin
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair & Trustee	Treasurer & Trustee
Date	07/12/2025	



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

01.04.2024

To

31.03.2025

### 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 £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Donations & Gift Aid	10,449	-	-	10,449	7,301
Grants	-	-	-	-	-
Refunds	23	-	-	23	-
Fundraising	-	-	-	-	-
Bank Interest	464	-	-	464	501
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>10,936</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>10,936</b>	<b>7,802</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>10,936</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>10,936</b>	<b>7,802</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Charitable activities & projects (Education, Health, Community Welfare & Support)	5,360	-	-	5,360	2,070
Donations to other UK charities or group	110	-	-	110	463
Hardship grants (Post-Covid) to students	-	-	-	-	-
Insurance	109	-	-	109	101
Other Expenditure (postage, stationery, publicity & printing)	483	-	-	483	156
Telephone, IT support & website costs	58	-	-	58	87
Charity events & meetings	665	-	-	665	599
Governance Costs	25	-	-	25	52
Staff salary - No paid staff	-	-	-	-	-
Education, Social-Welfare Projects - India	19,999	-	-	19,999	6,887
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>26,809</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>26,809</b>	<b>10,415</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>26,809</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>26,809</b>	<b>10,415</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>- 15,873</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>- 15,873</b>	<b>- 2,613</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>41,660</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>41,660</b>	<b>44,273</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>25,787</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>25,787</b>	<b>41,660</b>

## 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 £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	Total Bank Accounts balance on 31/03/25	25,770	-	-
	Cash in hand	17	-	-
			-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>25,787</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>	Details			
	NA	-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	NA		-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	NA		-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
	NA		-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
	<i>S. Galsin</i>	Satnam Galsin	07.12.2025	
	<i>Ch. Sekhon</i>	Charan Sekhon	07.12.2025	