

Kerala Cultural Association (KCA)

Annual Report 2024–2025

Newcastle-under-Lyme, United Kingdom

Introduction

The Kerala Cultural Association (KCA) successfully completed another year of cultural, social, and community activities during 2024–2025. Through the collective efforts of the Executive Committee, volunteers, members, sponsors, and well-wishers, the Association organised a variety of events that promoted Kerala’s cultural heritage, strengthened community ties, and encouraged participation across all age groups.

This report presents a summary of the major activities and achievements of the Association during the year.

Executive Committee 2024–2025

Office Bearers

Position	Name
President	Mr. Sutheesh Thomas
Secretary	Mr. Biju Mathew
Treasurer	Mr. Devis Pappu Pudussery
Vice President	Mrs. Jisha Mathew
Joint Secretary	Mr. Tomy Joseph
Joint Treasurer	Mr. Shyju Jacob
Public Relations Officers (PROs)	Mr. Rinto Rockey & Mr.
KCA Academy Administrator	Mrs. Sophy Kuriakose
KCA Academy Coordinators	Mrs. Nimmy Shiju, Mrs. Sherin Joy & Mrs. Subha Rajan
Charity Coordinator	Mr. Binoy Chacko
Charity Organisers	Mr. Sajimon K. Mathai, Mr. James Thomas & Mrs. Syju

Auditor

Mathew
Mr. Sanjoe Kalluvelil

Committee Members

- Mrs. Mini Suresh Babu
- Mr. Biju Matthews
- Mr. Anil Pudussery
- Mrs. Sophia Job
- Mr. Siju Thomas
- Mr. Bijo A. Varghese
- Mr. Sanal Bargavan
- Mr. Asish Jose
- Mr. Jose Joseph
- Mr. Jaison Anthony
- Mr. Socratice Thomas

Activities and Events

Easter–Vishu Celebration

The Association organised its Easter–Vishu Celebration on **13 April 2024** at **Newcastle Academy School**. The event brought together members and families to celebrate two important occasions in the cultural and religious calendar. A variety of cultural performances and entertainment programmes were presented, creating an atmosphere of joy and fellowship.

Community Gathering

A community meeting and cultural gathering were held on **11 May 2024** at the **Quaker Meeting House, Miller Street**. The event provided members with an opportunity to discuss Association activities, strengthen community relationships, and participate in cultural programmes.

One-Day Family Tour

Following a decision taken at the Executive Committee meeting on **25 May 2024**, a special recreational trip for members was organised.

The **One-Day Family Tour** took place on **22 June 2024** at **Prestatyn Central Beach**. The programme was coordinated by:

- Mr. Runsmom Abraham
- Mr. Rinto Rockey
- Mr. James Thomas

The event was well attended and provided members with an enjoyable opportunity to socialise and spend quality time together. Refreshments, meals, and desserts were generously arranged for participants, contributing to the overall success of the outing.

Onam Celebration 2024

KCA celebrated **Onam 2024** on **14 September 2024** at **Newcastle Academy School** under the leadership of President **Mr. Sutteesh Thomas**.

The event featured traditional Onam festivities, cultural performances, competitions, and a grand Onam feast. Members of all ages actively participated in the celebrations.

Highlights

- Traditional Onam celebrations and cultural programmes
- Dance performances by students and instructors
- Special performance by **Mrs. Darshikka Rajasegaram**, Dance Teacher of KCA Kalakendram
- Traditional Onam Sadhya coordinated by **Mr. Biju Matthews** and his team
- Games and competitions for children and adults
- Musical performances, dances, and stage presentations by KCA members
- Opening dance coordinated by **Mr. Rinto Rockey**
- Extensive volunteer support throughout the event

Special Recognition

Special appreciation was extended to:

- Mrs. Darshikka Rajasegaram
- Dance instructors and volunteers
- All competition winners and participants

The programme's success was made possible through the dedicated efforts of committee members, volunteers, and supporters, including:

- Mrs. Jisha Mathew
- Mr. Anil Pudussery
- Mrs. Sophia Job
- Mr. Asish Jose

and many other volunteers who worked tirelessly behind the scenes.

Dance Performance Programme

On **27 October 2024**, students of the **Dharshanodiyaa School of Dance**, under the guidance of **Miss Sureka Kanesan**, presented a colourful dance programme. The event showcased the talent and dedication of the students and highlighted the Association's commitment to promoting arts and cultural education.

KCA 20th Anniversary Celebration

The year marked a significant milestone as the Kerala Cultural Association celebrated its **20th Anniversary (2004–2024)**.

To commemorate this achievement, a grand **Christmas and New Year Celebration** was organised on **29 December 2024** at **Whitmore Village Hall**.

Programme Highlights

- Welcome address by President **Mr. Sutteesh Thomas**
- Anniversary celebrations recognising KCA's twenty years of service to the community
- Christmas carols and festive cultural performances
- Special musical entertainment coordinated by **Film Artist Mr. Sudheer Paravoor**
- Christmas and New Year themed presentations

- Event management and coordination by **Mrs. Sherin Joy** and **Mrs. Subha Rajan**
- Participation of students from **KCA Kalakendram** and **Dharshanodiyaa School of Dance**

The event was a memorable occasion that celebrated the Association's achievements while looking forward to future growth and continued service to the community.

KCA Academy and Cultural Development

KCA continued to support cultural education through its Academy programmes. Students actively participated in various cultural activities throughout the year, demonstrating exceptional enthusiasm and talent.

The Association acknowledges the invaluable contributions of:

- Mrs. Sophy Kuriakose (Administrator)
- Mrs. Nimmy Shiju (Coordinator)
- Mrs. Sherin Joy (Coordinator)
- Mrs. Subha Rajan (Coordinator)

for their dedication and commitment to nurturing cultural learning and participation among children and young people.

Acknowledgements

The Executive Committee expresses its sincere gratitude to all members, volunteers, sponsors, teachers, performers, parents, and well-wishers whose support contributed to the success of the Association's activities throughout the year.

Special appreciation is extended to:

- Mr. Socratice Thomas
- Mrs. Sophy Kuriakose
- Mr. Biju Mathew

for their continued support and valuable contributions to the Association's programmes and initiatives.

The Association also thanks all committee members and volunteers whose dedication, and teamwork enabled every event to be conducted successfully.

Conclusion

The year 2024–2025 was a productive and memorable period for the Kerala Cultural Association. Through cultural celebrations, educational initiatives, community gatherings, charitable efforts, and family-oriented activities, KCA continued to strengthen community spirit and preserve the rich cultural heritage of Kerala within the wider community.

The Association looks forward to another successful year of service, growth, and cultural enrichment.

Newcastle-under-Lyme, United Kingdom

16 February 2025

Mr. Sutteesh Thomas

President

Mr. Biju Mathew

Secretary

Mr. Devis Pappu Pudussery

Treasurer

KERALA CULTURAL ASSOCIATION
 RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS
 For the year ended 31 July 2025

		2025
		£
Income	Donations	4,001.00
	Fund raising events	15,421.00
	Rent & Hire	300.00
	Subscriptions	25,761.00
		<u>45,483</u>
Expenses	Accountants fees	- 325.00
	Bank charges	- 60.00
	Donation	- 47.00
	Fundraising Event Expenses	- 22,123.00
	Gift & Flowers	- 84.00
	Insurance	- 243.00
	Printing & Stationery	- 167.00
	Rent & Hire	- 4,905.00
	Sundry	- 4.00
	Teaching Fee	- 13,817.00
		<u>-41,777</u>
		3,706
Net Receipts		<u><u>3,706</u></u>



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Charity Name
KERALA CULTURAL ASSOCIATION

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31st July 2025

**Charity no
(if any)**

1173692

Set out on pages

1 - 2

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **31/07/2025**

**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the Trust, 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 Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed 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 material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below *) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn 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:

Antony Francis

Date: 18/05/2026

Name:

Antony Francis ACMA/CGMA

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

CHARTERED INSTITUTE OF MANAGEMENT ACCOUNTANTS

Address:

44 Shandon Park, Marton-in-Cleveland, Middlesbrough TS8 9XS

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

During the examination, supporting invoices and receipts were provided for review. A small number of receipts were faded and difficult to read; however, all related transactions were satisfactorily verified against the accounting records and bank statements.

In connection with my examination, no matters have come to my attention which give me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 have not been met.

The trustees were reminded of the Charity Commission's requirements regarding the retention of clear and legible evidence to support financial transactions.

Signed:

Antony Francis ACMA/CGMA
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