



Trustees Annual Report 06/2022 – 06/2023

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Annual Report

The trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 01 June 2022 and confirm they comply with the Charities Act 2006, the constitution and the Charities SORP 2005

1. Reference and Administrative Information

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| Name of the Institution | Indian Cultural Association of Dorset |
| Type | Charitable Incorporated Organisation |
| Charity Registration Number | 1176026 |
| Address | 21 Smithson close Poole, Dorset BH12 5EY |
| List of Trustees (02/2023) | Mr Vamsi Krishna Jagadapi Sudhakar Mr Amit Baswal (02/2023) Dr Lingeshwari Birnie Mr Gurcharan Singh Chaddha Dr Prabhakar Venugopal Makarahalli Mr Kiran Channabasappa Dr Jagannadha Pawan Tamvada Mr Naresh Venkatalakshmi Kandala Mr Anup Shenoy |
| Contact - | |
| Retired Trustees | Mr Rithesh Barimane - Mr Nahush Verekar - 06/2018 Mr Ramesh Lal - 07/2021 |
| Bankers | Santander Bank Customer Service Centre, Bootle, Merseyside, L30 4GB |



2. Structure, governance and management

Governing document

The Indian Cultural Association of Dorset (hereafter referred as ICAD) is constituted as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) registered with the Charity Commission for England and Wales on the 30th November 2017 under charity number 1176026. It is governed by a constitution as registered and unchanged since its inception in November 2017.

Organisational structure

The charity trustees are responsible for the general control and management of the charity. The trustees give their time freely and receive no remuneration or other financial benefits. The trustees meet as a body regularly and are responsible for all decisions taken in relation to the running and the activities provided by the charity. The list of trustees is as above on page 1 in the information section.

Recruitment and appointment of trustees

Any new trustees will be selected as per the guidelines laid down in the constitution and by the charities commission. In selecting new trustees, we will seek to identify people who regularly attend events and functions organised by the charity and are willing to volunteer to help in our broader community work. Potential trustees will be invited to attend trustees' meetings as observers and will be given more details of the charity's aims and activities and, if all agree, they will then be proposed as new trustees at the next trustees' meeting. This process allows due consideration of the person's eligibility, personal competence, specialist knowledge and skills.

The ICAD has appointed 2 new trustees in 02/2023

1. Mr Vamsi Krishna Jagadapi Sudhakar
2. Mr Amit Baswal

Both new trustees have been longstanding active volunteers in The ICAD activities over the past years and were unanimously elected by the trustees after an interview process. The new trustees clarified their positions on how they would continue and progress the trust's activities and shared their vision on the future of the trust.

Induction and training of trustees

Following appointment, the new trustees were introduced to their role and given copies of the trust deed and a guide to the policies and procedures adopted by our charity. They were advised to read up on the publications from the Charity Commission including the guidance on charities and public benefit and on the advancement of religion for the public benefit. The new trustees are aware of the scope of their responsibilities under the Charities Act. We are happy to report that the new trustees



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have taken up their position with gusto and made significant positive contributions to the functioning of the trust.

3. Objectives and activities

The objects of the charity are set out in the charity's constitution and are summarised as follows:

To advance Indian culture and spirituality for the benefit of the public - in particular, through the holding of prayer meetings, lectures, the public celebration of Indian festivals and the distribution of literature on the Vedas and other ancient Indian scriptures to enlighten everyone.

To establish, maintain and manage a community centre which will provide facilities in the interests of advancing Indian culture and spirituality and a congregation space for the growing community of Indian origin in Dorset.

Provide facilities and assistance in social welfare with the objective of improving the conditions of life for all residents of Dorset and the neighbourhood.

In setting these objectives, the trustees have considered the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit, and particularly its supplementary public guidance on the advancement of religion for the public benefit.

Activities

The ICAD weekly temple is now a regular event happening between 6-8PM on a Saturday at the Muscliff community centre in Bournemouth, Dorset. We have regular attendance of people from a wide and varied audience. A priest performs the rituals as per the Hindu traditions and the event is sponsored by a family every week who pay for the priest's time. There is food distributed to all attendees at the end of the ceremonies. No charges are ever imposed on any attendees for attending these gatherings.

Apart from these the ICAD has organised the following events to improve community engagement and outreach.

| Religious Events | | | |
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| Date | Event | Venue | Comment / Links |
| 18/06/2022 | International Yoga day | Muscliff | |
| 30/07/2022 | Day with Sai | Muscliff | Collaboration with SHITAL org UK |
| 06/08/2022 | Vishnu sahasranAm chanting | Kinson | Communal chanting of the 1000 names of Lord Vishnu |
| 03/09/20 | Ganesh Chaturti | Muscliff | |



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| 22 | celebrations | | |
| 12/11/2022 | SrinivAs kalyAnam | Kinson | As previous, grandiose celebration of Lord SrinivAsa attended by over 300 people |
| 05/11/2022 | kArtik deepdAn | Muscliff | Lamp lighting in the Hindu calendar month of kArtik – collaborated with ISCKON, Bournemouth for the 1 st time |
| 01/04/2023 | Shri rAM Navami | Kinson | Birthday celebrations for Lord Rama – again attended by over 300 people |

Spiritual Events

| Date | Event | Venue | Comment / Links |
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| 18/06/2022 | International Yoga day | Muscliff | Communal Yoga practice led by Shri Ambika Yoga school also begins a weekly free yoga camp |
| 30/07/2022 | Day with Sai | Muscliff | Collaboration with SHITAL org UK |
| 27/11/2022 | Yoga Shibir(camp) concluded | Muscliff | Regular weekly Yoga classes for all – free instruction by Shri Ambika Yoga school of Mumbai, India |

Community Events

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| 30/09/2022 to 02/10/2022 | Art by the Sea | Bournemouth beach | Indian diaspora led by the ICAD joined in the communal procession with traditional Indian clothing and music bournemouthcho.co.uk/carnival-sea-parades-bournemouth |
| 04/02/2023 | Mayor attends the weekly Puja gathering | Muscliff | The mayor was made aware of the need for a community centre of our own. |
| 25/03/2023 | UGADI | Kinson | The event was organised by the Dorset Kannada Balaga under the auspices of the ICAD |
| 15/04/2023 | Baisakhi | Corfe Mullen Village hall | A big celebration of the Indian new year with song and dance performances with audience engagement. Attended by over 150 people. |

Sporting Events

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| 24/08/2022 | Bournemouth Premier league cricket for kids | Littledown sports ground | Short format cricket tournament for children |
| 20/11/2023 | ICAD Carrom | Muscliff | Carrom board tournament with |



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| 22 | tournament | | prizes and medals for both adults and children in doubles and singles categories. |
| 25/02/2023 | ICAD table-tennis tournament | Littledown sports centre | TT competition with adult and children, male and female categories. Medals and prizes presented. |
| 26/03/2023 | ICAD chess tournament | Muscliff | Chess competition for adults and children – certificates and prizes were given |
| Educational Initiatives | | | |
| 12/02/2023 | KS2 and Grammar school entrance mock test | Epiphany church hall | Mock tests to help local community children to prepare for upcoming academic challenges |

Achievements

The ICAD has made significant progress towards realising its potential and reaching out to the community. It's events are now being noticed and more organisations are now collaborating under the banner of the ICAD to form a beneficial relationship. The ICAD has continued to host the weekly prayer meetings with attendance and patronage from the people. As already mentioned, the meetings are more regularly being sponsored by individuals and families. The ICAD has continuously promoted engagement with local charities and stepped up to help where needed.

We have managed to host a wide variety of events that engage the mind, body and spirit of the community and wider audience as seen in the table above. This has been made possible by fresh blood in the form of our new trustees. We have managed to meet some of our strategic objectives as set out in our last report and hope to continue and expand on the same.

Strategies

We want to make our organisation accessible and welcoming to all people, particularly those of Indian origin to come together to learn about their spirituality. We also want to propagate the teachings and knowledge incorporated in the ancient Indian scriptures to our children and future generations.

We hope to engage the communities by –

- Continuing the weekly prayer meetings
- Continue spiritual discussions focussed on mental wellbeing
- Continue and expand on sports and academic events
- Continue regular yoga sessions
- Introduce Indian dance, singing and art forms



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- Beginning classes to teach Indian languages to interested children/adults
- Engage with local authorities to try and get premises operated solely by and for the charity to conduct our events

We aim to keep most of our activities free and supported by donations or grant funding. Where a charge is made, concessions will be made for students, people on means-tested benefits and pensioners.

Volunteers

Our volunteer groups have remained as dedicated as ever towards sustaining our work in the region. The transition to weekly meetings has not fazed any of us. They have continued our social engagements and organised events within the rules and as set by the local government and the venue providers. We continue to attract fresh volunteers who are willing to give time and resource to the furtherance of our cause.

4. Financial review

Principal funding sources

The charity's main source of income is giving. During the lockdown people have given directly into the charity's account via standing order. This has now continued and has helped keep the charity going. People have also sponsored events or parts of an event when the need arose - to organise our events on a grand scale as is demanded by the occasion. A total of £5246 was received as donations by the trust in its account. The trustees feel this level of voluntary giving is both generous and encouraging.

Reserves policy

Due to the fledgling nature of the charity, the trustees have yet to formulate a reserves policy. This will be formulated based on the trust's performance in upcoming accounting periods.

Investment policy and objectives

The charity has no long-term investments. All funds are held in a business current account which has no fees and pays no interest. The trustees will formulate an investment policy when the trustees deem there are sufficient and available funds for investment.

5. Statement of Trustees' responsibilities

The charity trustees are responsible for preparing an annual report and financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).



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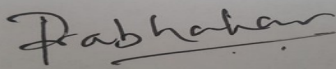
The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the charity trustees to prepare financial statements for each year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently.
- Observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP.
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- State whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 1993, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the constitution. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities. The trustees for the purposes of charity law who served during the year and up to the date of this report are set out on page 1.

Approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by

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|  | Dr Prabhakar Venugopal Makarahalli Contact Trustee |
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6. Statement of Accounts

Accounts for year ended 01/06/2023 from last report date - 02/06/2022

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| Balance from previous year | 8241 |
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| Income | 5246 |
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Donations

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| Expenditure | 9056 |
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Net Funds

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| Debts | 0 |
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| Liabilities | 0 |
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| Assets | 4431 |
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Cash in the bank (on 30/05/2023)

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