



Trustees Annual Report 06/2023 – 06/2024

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Annual Report

The trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 01 June 2023 and confirm they comply with the Charities Act 2006, the constitution and the Charities SORP 2005

1. Reference and Administrative Information

Name of the Institution	Indian Cultural Association of Dorset
Type	Charitable Incorporated Organisation
Charity Registration Number	1176026
Address	72 East Avenue Bournemouth, Dorset BH3 7DB
List of Trustees	Mr Vamsi Krishna Jagadapi Sudhakar (02/2023) Mr Amit Baswal (02/2023) Dr Lingeshwari Birnie Mr Gurcharan Singh Chaddha
Contact -	Dr Prabhakar Venugopal Makarahalli Mr Kiran Channabasappa Dr Jagannadha Pawan Tamvada Mr Naresh Venkatalakshmi Kandala Mr Anup Shenoy
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 Co-Op Bank



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.

The ICAD has appointed 2 new trustees in 02/2023

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

The trust is happy to report that both have continued their roles with continuing enthusiasm and application to further the trust's cause and brought a fresh vigour to the trust's proceedings.

Recruitment and appointment of trustees

No new trustees have been appointed during this reporting period.

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.



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Activities

The ICAD weekly temple is continued as 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			
Date	Event	Venue	Comment / Links
20/05/2023	Sri Sathyanarayana swamy vratam	Kinson community centre	Prayer to Sri SathyaNarayana swamy
22/07/2023	Sri Andal thirinakshatram	Muscliff	Prayer to Goddess Andal
21/10/2023	Srinivasa Kalyanam	Kinson community centre	Prayer to Lord Srinivasa and his consorts while performing a ritual depiction of their wedding
18/11/2023	Ayappa Pooja	Kinson	Prayer to Lord Ayappa held jointly with
09/03/2024	MahaShivratri	Kinson	Prayer to Lord Shiva
27/04/2024	Shri Ram Navami	Kinson	Prayer to Lord rama
Spiritual Events			
Date	Event	Venue	Comment / Links
10/05/2024	9 week Yoga camp	Muscliff	Communal Yoga practice led by Shri Ambika Yoga school also continued as a 9 week yoga camp
16/09/2023	Harmony and Happiness	Poole	Wellbeing seminar open to all community members organised in collaboration with Mohanji foundation
Community Events			
19/08/2023	Indian Independence day celebration	Muscliff	Indian Independence Day celebrations with song and dances performed
17/03/2024	Sareethon	Hengistbury head	The Indian community women walked/ran in their traditional sarees on the beach
16/03/2024	Holi	Muscliff	A big celebration of the Indian festival of colours "HOLI"
13/04/2024	UGADI and Baisakhi	Kinson	A big celebration of the Indian new year with song and dance performances with audience engagement. Attended by over 150 people.



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Sporting Events			
19/08/2023 to 27/08/2023	Tennis tournament	Stanmore Gardens tennis courts	Open Tennis tournament for kids and adults in age and gender categories with prizes and certificates awarded to participants
Educational Initiatives			
03/2024 to 09/2024	KS2 and Grammar school entrance mock test	Epiphany church hall	Mock tests to help local community children to prepare for upcoming academic challenges. All conducted by volunteers.

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. 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
- 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



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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. People have continued their generous patronage and 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.

New Bank Account

A new bank account with the Co-Op bank was opened in 02/2024 to facilitate convenient fund management and spread the funds management duties between trustees.

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).

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:

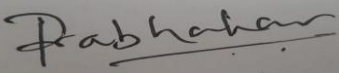
- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently.
- Observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP.
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- State whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed 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.



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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

	Dr Prabhakar Venugopal Makarahalli Contact Trustee
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6. Statement of Accounts

Accounts for year ended 01/06/2024 from last report date -1/06/2023

Balance from previous year	4431
Income	
Donations	15107
Expenditure	16285
Net Funds	
Debts	0
Liabilities	0
Assets	3253

Cash in the banks (on 30/05/2024)

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