

Guru Nanak Gurdwara, Prospect Street, Huddersfield

Trustees' Annual Report and Accounts

For the period 1st May 2022 to 30th April 2023

Reference and administrative details

Charity Name: Guru Nanak Gurdwara, Prospect Street, Huddersfield

Charity Registration Number: 1176712

Correspondence Address: Prospect Street, Huddersfield, England, HD1 2NX

Trustees:

Jarnail Singh Uppal	(President)
Lakhvinder Singh Johal	(Senior Vice President)
Mohinder Kaur Kang	(Vice President)
Jasbir Singh Mahil	(General Secretary)
Balhar Singh Sandhu	(Assistant General Secretary)
Inderpal Singh Randhawa	(Stage Secretary)
Paramjit Singh Punia	(Assistant Stage Secretary)
Harjinder Singh Johal	(Treasurer)
Balwinder Singh Pawar	(Senior Assistant Treasurer)
Rajdeep Singh Randhawa	(Assistant Treasurer)
Jaswant Singh Sohanpal	(Education Secretary)
Sewa Singh Khela	(Assistant Education Secretary)
Makhan Singh Sadhra	(Social & Cultural Secretary)
Piara Singh	(Storekeeper)
Jaswinder Kaur Sohal	(Assistant Storekeeper)
Kundan Singh Aujla	
Rajinder Kaur Bhullar	
Mukhtiar Singh Hans	
Santokh Singh Johal	
Stephen Singh Mattu	
Dr Jasbinder Singh	

Structure, governance and management

Governing document:

CONSTITUTION ADOPTED 10 SEP 2017 AS AMENDED BY RESOLUTION DATED 14 JAN 2018

The Gurdwara is managed by a Management Committee, who are also the charity trustees. The Committee is assisted by numerous volunteers, without whom it would be impossible to run the Gurdwara. In addition to the 21 Trustees of the charity, there are 3 separate “holding trustees” who hold the properties of the charity.

The “holding trustees” are appointed for a 4 year term by the committee but must be approved by the Sangat.

The current “holding trustees” who were appointed on 7th July 2021 are:

Karnal Singh Johal
Ragwinder Singh Bassi
Sukhdev Singh Dhanda

The Management committee (charity trustees) is chosen every 2 years in April, usually by an election, voted on by the registered members of the Gurdwara or by selection if only 21 nominations are received.

The management committee meets at the beginning of each month to discuss any ongoing issues as well as planning for the future. Sub-committees are formed as and when required.

Objectives and activities

The present building housing Guru Nanak Gurdwara, Prospect Street, Huddersfield was built in 1975 in response to the increase in the Sikh population of Huddersfield and surrounding districts. Prior to 1975, the Gurdwara was a small building on Elmwood Avenue, Huddersfield.

The present Gurdwara was built with donations from the congregation. The Gurdwara was registered as a charity with the Charity Commission on 17 January, 2018. The Gurdwara serves the Sikh Community of Kirklees and Calderdale.

The charity's objectives are, for the public benefit, to advance the Sikh religion, in particular but not exclusively in Huddersfield by:

- managing and running the Gurdwara according to the Sikh rites (Sikh Rehat Maryada);
- arranging for the celebration of the Birthdays, Martyrdom days and anniversaries of the Sikh Gurus with great dignity and reverence;
- arranging for marriage ceremony according to the Sikh rites and the prevailing laws of this country;
- the holding of prayer meetings, readings from the Guru Granth Sahib (scriptures), lectures, and teachings;
- arranging for the teaching of Punjabi for interested Sikhs and other students and to promote sports, youth clubs and social organisations; and
- providing public celebrations of religious festivals.

When planning our activities for the year, the trustees have considered the Commission’s guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. In particular, we try to enable Sikhs living in Kirklees and Calderdale to practise their Sikh faith by providing buildings and resources so the following activities can take place:

- Daily Prayers in the morning and evening
- Provision of Langar daily
- Sikh wedding ceremonies, blessings and funeral services
- Celebration of Birthdays, Martyrdoms of the Sikh Gurus and other key events of the Sikh religion

- Specific Religious services (e.g. Akhand Paath) as requested by individual families

The complete lifting of the covid restrictions and a reduction in working from home meant that the income from the car park has increased to near pre-covid levels.

Due to the cost of living crisis and the increase in the number of South Asian students studying in the local further education establishments, the number of meals served in the Langar has increased substantially to up to 250 per day

The Gurdwara runs a Punjabi School at weekends, attended by 150 children. The school teaches children Punjabi language, Sikh religion and culture.

The school is housed in its own building adjacent to the Gurdwara building and is staffed by 10 teachers and 2 of the Gurdwara trustees. A library, housed in the Gurdwara is provided for use by the school children and the congregation.

The number of students registered at the Punjabi School has recovered to near pre-covid levels with 150 registered students.

The number of students who took and passed the formal examinations are as follows:

A Level Punjabi	4
Gcse Punjabi	10

In July 2022, a sports day was held on Leeds Road Playing fields, where sports events and activities were provided for children and adults.

All of the services and activities provided by the Gurdwara are available to the public in general but the majority of the users are from the local Sikh Community. In line with the teachings of the Sikh Gurus, everyone is welcome in the Gurdwara.

As well as the provision of religious services, the Gurdwara provides a place for people, especially the elderly, to meet and socialise after the religious services while sharing Langar. There is a women's group that meets every Monday for prayers and Kirtan. There is a group of worshippers who meet on Wednesday evenings for worship.

Everything is provided without charge to the congregation and the running of the Gurdwara is funded by donations from the congregation, income from the car park and Gift Aid.

Visits from local primary schools and scout groups are most welcome to the Gurdwara where they are given a brief insight to the Sikh religion.

Each year, the Gurdwara is represented at the Remembrance Day ceremony in Kirklees.

Achievements and performance

Major capital expenditure during the reporting period:

- i) The Palki (structure that houses the Guru Granth Sahib) was replaced at a cost £12,000

- ii) In the kitchen, The Tavi was replaced at a cost of £600

Langar is prepared and served from a dedicated kitchen run by volunteers from the congregation. We are extremely fortunate that we have a dedicated group of volunteers, majority of them women, who cook and clean daily.

We have 3 Granthis (priests) who read the prayers and perform all the religious functions.

Financial Review

The Gurdwara currently does not have a reserves policy. It has an overdraft arrangement with its bank, which currently allows the Gurdwara access to an overdraft facility of £50000. However, this facility is rarely used.

In addition, some members of the congregation loan the Gurdwara monies interest free. The total amount of these loans at the end of the financial year was £135,200.00.

The Gurdwara had savings of £241,821.00 after allowing for the loans from the Congregation. The closing balances in the accounts are from bank statements dated 2nd May 2023 whereas expenditure is up to 30th April, 2023. Therefore some income and expenditure will not have been charged to the bank accounts (i.e. cheques written but not yet cleared).

The charity expenditure was spent solely on the upkeep of the Gurdwara, staff wages and charitable activities listed above.

The Gurdwara owns outright 2 buildings and these can be used as security against bank loans if needed. Currently, the Gurdwara income is sufficient to cover all expenditure.

As the Gurdwara is now registered as a charity, it gets over £15,000 per annum from HMRC as Gift Aid.

The donations from the congregation and income from other sources stated above are such that the overdraft facility granted by the bank has not been used in the last 6.5 years.


Gurdwara Accounts are examined by 2 independent examiners every 6 months and a summary of the accounts is announced to sangat as well as being posted on a notice board in the Gurdwara.

The independent examiners are:

Mr Ranjit Singh Sohal

Mr Suba Singh

Approved by the Trustees at their meeting on 19th June 2024 and signed on their behalf by Ranjit Singh Sohal.


 CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES	Charity Name				No (if any)	CC16a
	Guru Nanak Gurdwara, Prospect Street, Huddersfield				1176712	
	Receipts and payments accounts					
	For the period from	Period start date 01/05/2022		To	Period end date 02/05/2023	
Section A Receipts and payments						
	Unrestricted funds		Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £		to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
A1 Receipts						
Donations	255,391		-	-	255,391	208,084
Refund from utilities			-	-	-	3,196
Car park income	12,100		-	-	12,100	10,495
HMRC Gift Aid	15,551		-	-	15,551	7,076
Loans from congregation members	33,000		-	-	33,000	24,000
Insurance Claim			-	-	-	8,500
Miscellaneous income	30		-	-	30	
Compensation from bank			-	-	-	50
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	316,072		-	-	316,072	261,401

A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).							
	-		-		-		
	-		-		-		-
Sub total	-		-		-		-
Total receipts	316,072		-		-	316,072	261,401
A3 Payments							
Expenditure, Inc. priest wages	205499		-		-	205,499	164,935
Bank interest and charges	588		-		-	588	990
Loans repaid to congregation members	21500		-		-	21,500	19,000
Teacher's wages	10650		-		-	10,650	5,400
Donation O2 concentrators			-		-		
Exam fees			-		-		
			-		-		
			-		-		
			-		-		
Sub total	238,237		-		-	238,237	190,325

A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)							
	-		-		-		
	-		-		-		
Sub total	-		-		-		-
Total payments	238,237		-		-	238,237	190,325
Net of receipts/(payments)	77,835		-		-	77,835	71,076
A5 Transfers between funds	-		-		-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	299,791		-		-	299,791	228,715
Cash funds this year end	377,626		-		-	377,626	299,791
Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period							
Categories	Details			Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	
				to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	
B1 Cash funds	Barclays a/c 00828203 (27/4/22)			360,691	-	-	
	Barclays a/c 30934070 (27/4/22)			16,329	-	-	

	Cash Float	606	-	-
	Total cash funds	377,626	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds
	Details	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details		Fund to which asset belongs		Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use					-	-
					-	-
					-	-
					-	-
					-	-
					-	-
					-	-
					-	-
					-	-
	Details		Fund to which liability relates		Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities	Security held		Unrestricted		-	
	Loans from congregation members		135200		-	
					-	
					-	
					-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
		Ranjit Singh Sohal	19/06/2024

Independent Examiners Report to the trustees of Guru Nanak Gurdwara, Prospect Street, Huddersfield.

We report on the accounts for the year ended 2nd May, 2023.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiners

The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year (under section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the Act)) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is our responsibility to:

- I) Examine the accounts (under section 43 of the Act), to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 43(7)(b) of the Act), and
- II) To state whether particular matters have come to our attention.

Basis of independent examiners report

Our examination was carried out in accordance with General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiners statement

In the course of our examination, no matter has come to our attention:

- 1. which gives us reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements: to keep accounting records in accordance with section 41 of the Act; and to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 1993 Act; have not been met; or
- 2. to which, in our opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding the accounts to be reached.

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