

Guru Nanak Gurdwara, Prospect Street, Huddersfield

Trustees' Annual Report and Accounts

For the period 2nd May 2024 to 30th April 2025

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:

Inderpal Singh Randhawa	(President)
Balwant Singh Sohal	(Senior Vice President)
Sital Kaur Johal	(Vice President)
Lakhvinder Singh Johal	(General Secretary)
Balraj Singh Randhawa	(Assistant General Secretary)
Surinder Singh Kooner	(Stage Secretary)
Paramjit Singh Punia	(Assistant Stage Secretary)
Harjinder Singh Johal	(Treasurer)
Bawa Singh Boghar	(Senior Assistant Treasurer)
Hari Singh Virk	(Assistant Treasurer)
Balwinder Singh Pawar	(Education Secretary)
Sarbjit Singh Sanghera	(Assistant Education Secretary)
Rajdeep Singh Randhawa	(Social & Cultural Secretary)
Piara Singh Rai	(Storekeeper)
Kala Singh Chahal	(Assistant Storekeeper)
Deepuk Singh Chahal	(Assistant Education Secretary)
Gurpal Singh Randhawa	(Trustee)
Makhan Singh Sadhra	(Trustee)
Stephen Singh Matoo	(Trustee)
Rajinder Kaur Bhullar	(Trustee)
Rajbir Kaur Basra	(Trustee)

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 Gurdwara Management Committee (GMC), who are also the charity trustees. The GMC 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 GMC but must be approved by the Sangat.

The current “holding trustees” who were appointed by the GMC and approved by the Sangat, on 7th July 2021 are:

Karnail Singh Johal
Ragwinder Singh Bassi
Sukhdev Singh Dhanda

In accordance with the Constitution of the Gurdwara, the Gurdwara Management Committee consisting of 21 members (and thereby the charity trustees) is appointed for a period of 2 years.

This is usually achieved by selection where the required 21 nominations are received and approved by the Sangat. If more than 21 nominations are received, a formal vote of the registered Sangat is held to choose the GMC and thereby the charity trustees.

All persons over the age of 18 and who: -

- i) Accepts Siri Guru Granth Sahib as their true Guru and has full faith in the teachings of the Ten Gurus, resides in Kirklees, Halifax, Elland and Brighouse areas,
- ii) Visits the Guru Nanak Gurdwara with their family as part of the Sangat,
- iii) Partakes in all the religious functions in this Gurdwara and serves the Gurdwara with full dedication,

may register to vote in any formal election.

Registration of the Sangat takes place as scheduled in the Gurdwara Constitution.

The Management Committee is scheduled to meet 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 the 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 in a small building on Elmwood Avenue (Previously known as Bath Street), Huddersfield.

The present Gurdwara was built with donations from the Sangat and the wider Sikh community throughout the United Kingdom.

The Gurdwara was registered as a charity with the Charity Commission on 17 January, 2018.

The Gurdwara serves the Sikh Community of Huddersfield and the surrounding areas.

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 and facilitating the celebration of the Birthdays, Martyrdom days and other anniversaries of the Sikh Gurus and other Gursikhs with great dignity and reverence;
- arranging and facilitating the marriage ceremonies in accordance with the Sikh rites and the laws of this country;
- facilitate the holding of prayer meetings, kirtan, readings from the Guru Granth Sahib (Sikh scriptures), lectures, and teachings;
- arranging and facilitating for the teaching of the Punjabi language for anyone who wishes to learn it and to promote sports, youth clubs and social organisations; and
- providing public celebrations of all Sikh religious and cultural festivals.

When planning the 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 Huddersfield and the surrounding areas to practise their Sikh faith by providing a venue and resources so the following activities can take place:

- Daily paath, prayers and kirtan in the morning and evening
- Provision of Langar on a daily basis
- Sikh wedding ceremonies, blessings and funeral services
- Celebration of Birthdays, Martyrdoms of the Sikh Gurus and other key events of the Sikh religion and culture
- Specific religious services (e.g. Akhand Paath, Sukhmani Sahib etc.) as requested by individuals

Due to the continuing high cost of living and the number of South Asian students studying in the local further education establishments, the number of meals served in the Langar remains at up to 400 per day.

The Gurdwara facilitates a non-contributory Punjabi School which is held on weekends, attended by up to 150 children. The school teaches the children the Punjabi language (from foundation up to "A" level standard), Sikh religion, values and culture.

The school is housed in its own building which is located adjacent to the Gurdwara building and is staffed by up to 10 teachers and 2 of the Gurdwara trustees (The Education Secretary and their assistant).

A library containing books and literature on the Sikh Religion and culture, is housed within the Gurdwara for use by the Punjabi School attendees and the Sangat.

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

A Level Punjabi	2
GCSE Punjabi	11

On 21st July 2024, a sports and activities day was held on the 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 regardless of their religion, colour or creed.

As well as the provision of religious services, the Gurdwara provides a place for the Sangat, especially the elderly, to meet and socialise before and after the religious services and of eating Langar.

There is in a ladies group that meets every Monday for prayers and Kirtan.

Everything (except Sikh Leisure Centre use) is provided without charge to the Sangat and the running of all Gurdwara functions is funded by donations from the Sangat, income from the car park, Gift Aid and The Sikh Leisure Centre.

Visits to the Gurdwara from local primary schools, scouts and other groups are organised and facilitated throughout the year, where they are given a brief insight into the Sikh religion, values and culture.

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

The Gurdwara is an active member of the Huddersfield Interfaith Council.

Achievements and performance

Major capital expenditure during the reporting period:

- Following an inspection by the local Fire Service, a number of issues were highlighted in the existing Fire Precautions in place within the Gurdwara premises. The cost to bring the building up to current standards £5500.
- Due to the increasing age of the Sangat and the location of the Darbar Hall on the first floor, some members of the Sangat were finding difficulty in climbing the stairs so a stairlift was installed at a cost of £5994.
- Replacement of the ageing Nishan Sahib (the Sikh Standard (flag)) which has been in place since the construction of the Gurdwara in 1975 at a cost of £11,000.

Langar is prepared and served from a dedicated kitchen staffed by volunteers from the Sangat.

The Gurdwara is extremely fortunate that there is a dedicated group of volunteers, the majority of them ladies, who cook the Langar and carry out cleaning daily.

The Sikh Leisure Centre is also staffed by Volunteers.

3 Granthis (priests) are employed who read the prayers, perform kirtan and all other religious functions.

In partnership with NHS and others, the Gurdwara held various lectures, workshops and health screening sessions throughout the year; particularly focusing on the health issues affecting the South Asian community (e.g. mental health, Hepatitis C, diabetes, liver issues etc.)

From August to October, 5 fortnightly visits were facilitated for the West Yorkshire Police. This was carried out at the request of the Police Service in order that the serving officers could receive an insight into the Sikh faith, their customs, values and beliefs etc.

Around 200 Police officers attended these sessions.

Financial Review

The Gurdwara currently does not have a reserves policy.

Members of the congregation have loaned the Gurdwara monies interest free. The total amount of these loans at the end of the financial year was £174,200 and if required, the congregation will provide further funds.

The Gurdwara had savings of £376,200 after allowing for the loans from the congregation.

The charity expenditure has been spent solely on the upkeep of the Gurdwara, staff (priests and teachers) wages and the charitable activities listed above.

The Gurdwara owns outright 3 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 registered as a charity, and in this financial period, it received £92,984 from HMRC as Gift Aid. This includes Gift Aid not claimed in previous years.

The donations from the congregation and income from other sources stated above are such that the overdraft facility granted by the bank is very rarely used.

Gurdwara Accounts are examined by 3 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
Dr Jasbinder Singh
Mukhtiar Singh Hans

This report was submitted the Trustees for their consideration at their meeting on 07/02/2026 and signed on their behalf by Ranjit Singh Sohal.





CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name	No (if any)
Guru Nanak Gurdwara, Prospect Street, Huddersfield	1176712

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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date	To	Period end date
	01/05/2024		30/04/2025

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	282,740	-	-	282,740	246,604
Refund from utilities	5,625	-	-	5,625	-
Car park income	30,811	-	-	30,811	18,168
HMRC Gift Aid	92,984	-	-	92,984	22,628
Rent	1,060	-	-	1,060	
		-	-	-	
		-	-	-	
Loans from congregation members		-	-	-	21,500
Reciniliation of income		-	-	-	13,862
Miscelaneus income		-	-	-	129
Sikh Leisure Center income	53,980	-	-	53,980	16,989
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	467,200	-	-	467,200	339,880
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	467,200	-	-	467,200	339,880
A3 Payments					
Expenditure, inc priest wages	221,598	-	-	221,598	208,752
Bank interest and charges	381	-	-	381	620
Loans repaid to congregation members	191,000	-	-	191,000	37,000
Teachers wages	11,950	-	-	11,950	14,040
SLC expenditure	21,012	-	-	21,012	2306
SLC Bank charges	124	-	-	124	
		-	-	-	
		-	-	-	
		-	-	-	
Sub total	446,065	-	-	446,065	262,718
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
Sikh Liesure Centre		-	-	-	100,000
	-	-	-	-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	100,000
Total payments	446,065	-	-	446,065	362,718
Net of receipts/(payments)	21,135	-	-	21,135	- 22,838
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	354,788	-	-	354,788	354,788
Cash funds this year end	375,923	-	-	375,923	331,950

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 £
B1 Cash funds	Barclays a/c 00828203 (01/05/2024)	288,958	-	-
	Barclays a/c 30934070 (01/05/2024)	58,154	-	-
	Barclays a/c 63365549	27,625		
	Cash in hand	1,186	-	-
	Total cash funds	375,923	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Details			
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
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 asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
	Security held	Unrestricted	-	
	Loans from congregation members	174200	-	
			-	
			-	
Signed on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
		Ranjit Singh Sohal	07/02/2026	

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

We report on the accounts for the year ended 30th April, 2025.

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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