

GLOUCESTERSHIRE PUJA AND CULTURAL ASSOCIATION

England & Wales · Charity number 1181397

Details

Other names BRISTOL PUJA COMMITTEE

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2019-01-03

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: 1. TO ADVANCE THE HINDU RELIGION IN BRISTOL FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PUBLIC THROUGH THE HOLDING OF PRAYER MEETINGS, LECTURES, PUBLIC CELEBRATION OF RELIGIOUS FESTIVALS PRODUCING AND/OR DISTRIBUTING LITERATURE ON HINDUISM TO ENLIGHTEN OTHERS ABOUT THE HINDU RELIGION. 2. TO ADVANCE THE EDUCATION OF THE PUBLIC IN THE ARTS, CULTURE AND HERITAGE OF THE BENGALI AND OTHER SOUTH ASIAN COMMUNITIES IN BRISTOL, PARTICULARLY BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY, BY THE PROVISION OF TRADITIONAL DANCE, MUSIC AND ART. 3. FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT, THE RELIEF AND ASSISTANCE OF PEOPLE IN NEED IN THE UK AND OVERSEAS WHO ARE THE VICTIMS OF NATURAL OR OTHER DISASTER, THROUGH THE PROVISION OF GRANTS.?

Activities: Gloucestershire Puja and Cultural Association will organise the following Hindu Religious Festivals throughout the year. Following are planned:1. Sarbojonin Durgotsav2. Kojagori MahaLakshmi Puja 3. Sri Saraswati Puja 4. Rabindra Nazrul Jayantiand any other religious and cultural activities as agreed by the trustees.

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Individuals, Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** Overseas Aid/famine Relief, Religious Activities, Arts/culture/heritage/science, Other Charitable Purposes
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Birmingham City
- Bristol City
- Gloucestershire
- Monmouthshire
- North Somerset
- Oxfordshire
- South Gloucestershire
- Warwickshire
- Wiltshire
- Worcestershire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-08-01	£13,587	£11,336	-	-
2024-08-01	£6,157	£2,273	-	-
2023-08-01	£0	£0	-	-
2022-08-01	£7,302	£10,881	-	-
2021-08-01	£1,095	£586	-	-
2020-08-01	£12,270	£11,651	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Dibakar Gayen	Chair	2020-05-08
Ayan Ghosh		2024-01-10
Bholanath Saha		2024-01-10
Dharmendra Pratap Suman		2025-03-26
Dr Kalyan Hazra FIMMM		2023-01-10
Dr Madhusree Ghosh		2024-01-10
Gurucharan Singh		2025-05-02
Rajib Roy		2025-04-09
Srinivas Golakoti		2025-03-10

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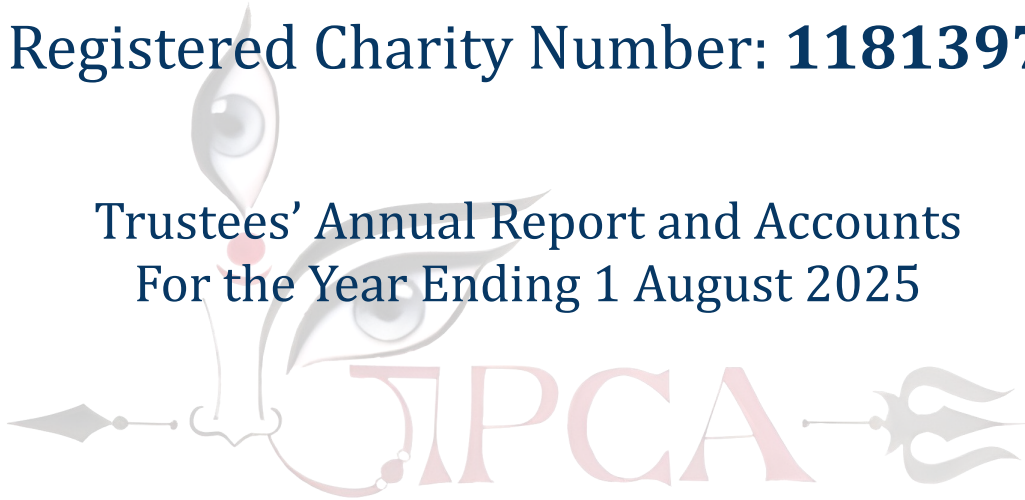
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Established 2018 as Bristol Puja Committee*

GLOUCESTERSHIRE PUJA AND CULTURAL ASSOCIATION (GPCA)

A Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO)

Registered Charity Number: **1181397**

Trustees' Annual Report and Accounts
For the Year Ending 1 August 2025

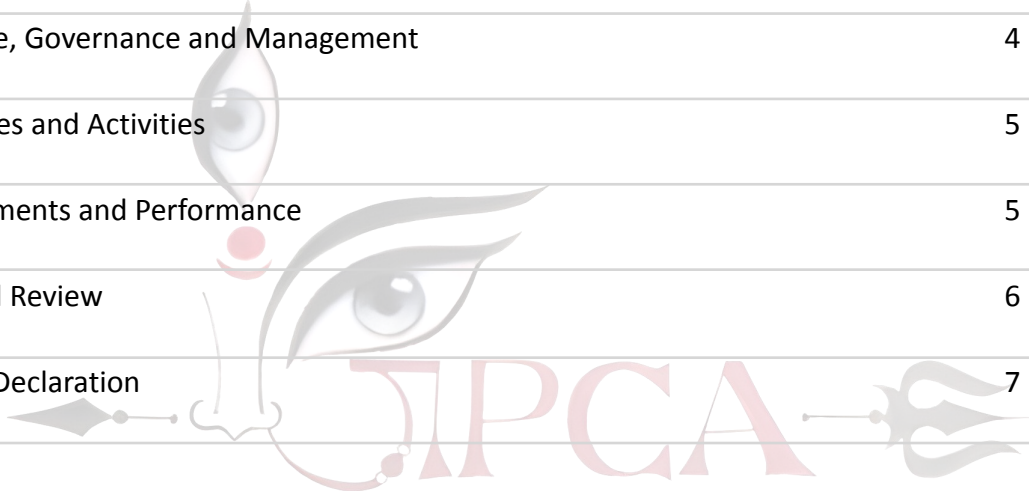


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GLOUCESTERSHIRE PUJA AND CULTURAL ASSOCIATION

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Introduction

Since renaming on **18 January 2024**, Gloucestershire Puja and Cultural Association (GPCA) continued its charity objectives to reposition the charity within the Gloucestershire region, broaden its cultural and community engagement. The number of GPCA-led events and other events supported by GPCA had been expanded.

Vision, Mission, and Values

Vision

To foster a harmonious society through the promotion of Hindu cultural and religious values, and by supporting individuals and communities during times of hardship.

Mission

- To promote Hindu cultural and religious traditions
- To celebrate the artistic and heritage contributions of Bengali and South Asian communities
- To create inclusive platforms for social, educational, and creative development
- To support individuals and organisations during crises such as pandemics and natural disasters

Values

- Respect and inclusion
- Cooperation and openness
- Equality and empathy
- Cultural pride and community service

GLoucestershire PUJA AND CULTURAL ASSOCIATION

*Registered Charity Number 1181397
Established 2018 as Bristol Puja Committee*

Legal and Administrative Information

- **Charity Name:** Gloucestershire Puja and Cultural Association
- **Charity Number:** 1181397
- **Registered Address:** 26 Nightingale Close, Hunts Grove, Hardwicke, Gloucester, GL2 4EB
- **Telephone:** 07906 023137
- **Email:** contactgpca@gmail.com
- **Website:** <https://gpca.uk>
- **Bankers:** The Co-operative Bank (Charity Business Account), PO Box 250, Skelmersdale, WN8 6WT
- **Sort Code & Account No.:** 08-92-99 / 67334272
- **Account Name:** Gloucestershire Cultural and Puja Association

Structure, Governance and Management

- GPCA is governed by a board of trustees and supported by volunteers from the local community. It is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO), operating under its constitution.
- During the reporting period, four additional trustees had been appointed to organise charity functions and governance.

Trustees of GPCA (serving during the year ending 1 August 2025)

- Dibakar Gayen, Chairperson, 08 May 2020
- Dr Kalyan Hazra, Trustee, 10 January 2023
- Dr Madhusree Ghosh, Trustee, 10 January 2024
- Ayan Ghosh, Trustee, 10 January 2024
- Bholanath Saha, Trustee, 10 January 2024

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- Dr Srinivas Golakoti, 10 March 2025
- Dharmenda Pratap Suman, 26 March 2025
- Rajib Roy, 9 April 2025
- Gurcharan Singh, 2 May 2025
- These trustees contributed to the charity's strategic transformation and expansion of activities during the reporting year.

Objectives and Activities

The charity outlined a renewed programme of Hindu religious and cultural events for the year, aiming to revitalise community participation and promote its core values.

Planned events for the year included:

- Sarbojonin Durgotsav
- Kojagori MahaLakshmi Puja
- Saraswati Puja
- Holi
- Rabindra Nazrul Jayanti
- Annual General Meeting
- Other approved cultural and religious gatherings (Pithe Utsab, Annual Picnic)

Achievements and Performance

Compared to the previous reporting period, attendance of community members increased significantly along with the number of events hosted and supported by GPCA. For example, Holi was attended by multi-faith and multi-cultural communities. Additionally GPCA planned to organise Diwali and revamp the website to improve external communication.

GLOUCESTERSHIRE PUJA AND CULTURAL ASSOCIATION

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Financial Review

During the reporting year, Receipts & Payments accounts were prepared separately using **Form CC16a**, in line with Charity Commission guidelines for small CIOs.

Summary:

Income & Expenditure Overview

- **Total Income:** £13,587
(from donations, membership contribution, grant, sponsorships and bank interest)
- **Total Expenditure:** £11,336
(religious and cultural event costs, venue cost, food, transport, insurance and website hosting)
- **Closing Cash Balance:** £6,135

As of the reporting date, GPCA held total cash funds of **£6,135**, along with a ceremonial asset (idol – at cost) valued at depreciated value **£1,000**.

The charity operated solely with unrestricted funds, and there is no formal reserves policy currently in place. There were no restricted or endowment funds, liabilities, investments, or other monetary assets.

The trustees confirm exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 and acknowledge responsibility for compliance with applicable accounting and reporting standards.

GLOUCESTERSHIRE PUJA AND CULTURAL ASSOCIATION

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Trustee Declaration

The Trustees declare that they have approved the Trustees' Annual Report above and confirm that it is an accurate reflection of GPCA's operations and governance for the year ending 1 August 2025.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Name: Dibakar Gayen

Role: Chairperson

Signature:



Date: 04/05/2026

Name: Kalyan Hazra

Role: Trustee

Signature:



Date: 04/05/2026





CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name

No (if any)

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date 2/8/2024	To	Period end date 1/8/2025
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Donations	3,836	-	-	3,836	3,579
Members' subscriptions	2,996	-	-	2,996	2,556
Sponsorship	2,520	-	-	2,520	20
Interest on deposit account	74	-	-	74	2
Grant	2,550	-	-	2,550	-
Gift Aid	1,611	-	-	1,611	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	13,587	-	-	13,587	6,157
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	13,587	-	-	13,587	6,157

A3 Payments

Idol Cost	-	-	-	-	1,842
Venue Cost	1,832	-	-	1,832	327
Other Event Cost	2,030	-	-	2,030	-
Food and Cooking Cost	3,536	-	-	3,536	-

Accessories & Other expenses	1,682	-	-	1,682	74
Media	249	-	-	249	29
Shipping Cost	1,861	-	-	1,861	-
Other cash expenses	146	-	-	146	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	11,336	-	-	11,336	2,273
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	11,336	-	-	11,336	2,273
Net of receipts/(payments)	2,251	-	-	2,251	3,884
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	-	-	-	-
Cash funds this year end	2,251	-	-	2,251	3,884

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	Cash at bank as at 01/08/202	6,135	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	6,135	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	Agreement Error	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	Religious ceremonial asset (idol)	Unrestricted	1,000	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

B5 Liabilities

Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
		-	
		-	
		-	
		-	
		-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Dibakar Gayen	4/5/2026
	Kalyan Hazra	4/5/2026

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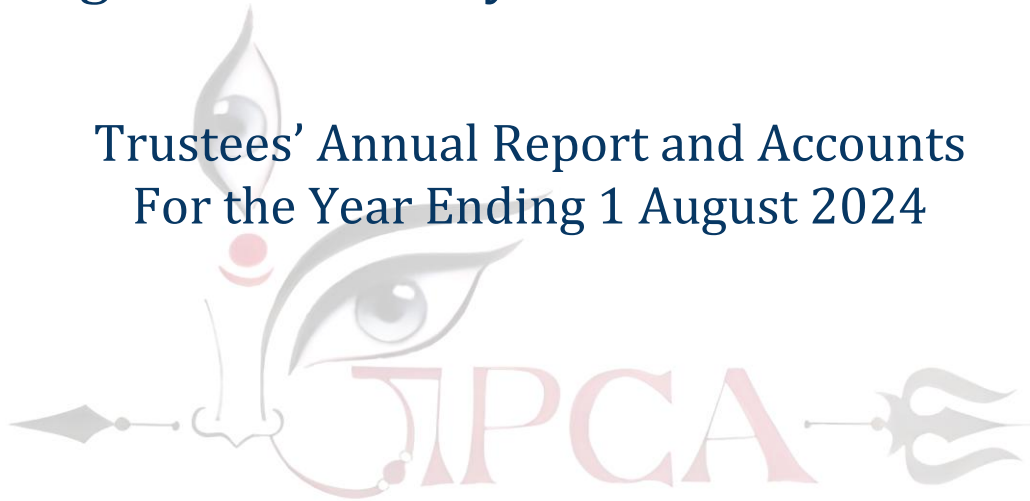


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GLOUCESTERSHIRE PUJA AND CULTURAL ASSOCIATION

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Established 2018 as Bristol Puja Committee*

Introduction

During the financial year 2023–2024, the charity formerly known as Bristol Puja Committee (BPC) underwent a formal transformation and was renamed **Gloucestershire Puja and Cultural Association (GPCA)** on **18 January 2024**, as recorded by the Charity Commission.

This change reflects the trustees' desire to reposition the charity within the Gloucestershire region, broaden its cultural and community engagement, and revive its activities following an extended dormant period caused by the COVID-19 pandemic and relocation of key personnel.

Vision, Mission, and Values

Vision

To foster a harmonious society through the promotion of Hindu cultural and religious values, and by supporting individuals and communities during times of hardship.

Mission

- To promote Hindu cultural and religious traditions
- To celebrate the artistic and heritage contributions of Bengali and South Asian communities
- To create inclusive platforms for social, educational, and creative development
- To support individuals and organisations during crises such as pandemics and natural disasters

Values

- Respect and inclusion
- Cooperation and openness
- Equality and empathy
- Cultural pride and community service

Legal and Administrative Information



GLoucestershire PUJA AND CULTURAL ASSOCIATION

*Registered Charity Number 1181397
Established 2018 as Bristol Puja Committee*

- **Charity Name:** Gloucestershire Puja and Cultural Association (formerly Bristol Puja Committee)
- **Charity Number:** 1181397
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- **Telephone:** 07906 023137
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- **Sort Code & Account No.:** 08-92-99 / 67334272
- **Account Name:** Gloucestershire Cultural and Puja Association

Structure, Governance and Management

- GPCA is governed by a board of trustees and supported by volunteers from the local community. It is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO), operating under its constitution.
- During the reporting period, the trustees initiated a governance refresh, which included relocating the charity's registered office from Bristol to Gloucestershire, in line with the trustees' desire to reposition the charity regionally adopting a new name, rebuilding community outreach, and expanding its leadership team.

Trustees of GPCA (serving during the year ending 1 August 2024)

- Dibakar Gayen, Chairperson, 08 May 2020
- Dr Kalyan Hazra, Trustee, 10 January 2023
- Dr Madhusree Ghosh, Trustee, 10 January 2024
- Ayan Ghosh, Trustee, 10 January 2024
- Bholanath Saha, Trustee, 10 January 2024

- These trustees contributed to the charity's strategic transformation, rebranding, and initial event delivery during the reporting year.

Following the financial year-end, several new trustees were appointed to further strengthen GPCA's governance and capacity. These will be formally reflected in the 2024–25 annual report.

Objectives and Activities

The charity outlined a renewed programme of Hindu religious and cultural events for the year, aiming to revitalise community participation and promote its core values.

Planned events for the year included:

- Sarbojonin Durgotsav
- Kojagori MahaLakshmi Puja
- Saraswati Puja
- Rabindra Nazrul Jayanti
- Other approved cultural and religious gatherings

Achievements and Performance

While GPCA planned a full calendar of events, only **Pithe Puli Utshav** and **Rabindra Nazrul Jayanti** were organised prior to 1 August 2024. Other events — including Sarbojonin Durgotsav and Lakshmi Puja — were delivered after the financial year-end and will be reported in the 2024–25 annual report.

Additional achievements include:

- Reinstatement of financial operations with a new charity bank account
- Launch of GPCA's website and official communications
- Recruitment of five new trustees to strengthen governance
- Initial steps toward building community outreach and volunteer participation

Financial Review

During the reporting year, the charity reinitiated financial activities after a dormant period. A new account was opened with The Co-operative Bank, replacing the previously closed HSBC account.

Receipts & Payments accounts were prepared separately using **Form CC16a**, in line with Charity Commission guidelines for small CIOs.

Summary:

Income & Expenditure Overview

- **Total Income:** £6,157
(from donations, subscriptions, and sponsorships)
- **Total Expenditure:** £2,273
(covering idol purchase, cultural event costs, hall hire, and website hosting)
- **Closing Cash Balance:** £3,884

As of the reporting date, GPCA held total cash funds of **£3,884**, along with a ceremonial asset (idol – at cost) valued at **£1,322**.

The charity operated solely with unrestricted funds, and there is no formal reserves policy currently in place. There were no restricted or endowment funds, liabilities, investments, or other monetary assets.

The trustees confirm exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 and acknowledge responsibility for compliance with applicable accounting and reporting standards.



GLOUCESTERSHIRE PUJA AND CULTURAL ASSOCIATION

Registered Charity Number 1181397
Established 2018 as Bristol Puja Committee

Trustee Declaration

The Trustees declare that they have approved the Trustees' Annual Report above and confirm that it is an accurate reflection of GPCA's operations and governance for the year ending 1 August 2024.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Name: Dibakar Gayen

Role: Chairperson

Signature:

Date: 13/07/2025

Name: Kalyan Hazra

Role: Trustee

Signature:

Date: 13/7/2025





CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name LOUCESTERSHIRE PUJA AND CULTURAL ASSOCIATION	No (if any) 1181397
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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date 1/8/2023	To	Period end date 1/8/2024
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
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A1 Receipts

Donations	3,579	-	-	3,579	-
Members' subscriptions	2,556	-	-	2,556	-
Sponsorship	20	-	-	20	-
Interest on deposit account	2	-	-	2	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	6,157	-	-	6,157	-

A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).

	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-

Total receipts	6,157	-	-	6,157	-
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A3 Payments

Idol	1,842	-	-	1,842	-
Hall hire	327	-	-	327	-
Web hosting	29	-	-	29	-
Accessories & Other expenses	74	-	-	74	-
	-	-	-	-	-

	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	2,273	-	-	2,273	-
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	2,273	-	-	2,273	-
Net of receipts/(payments)	3,884	-	-	3,884	-
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	-	-	-	-
Cash funds this year end	3,884	-	-	3,884	-

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	Cash at bank as at 01/08/2024	3,884	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	3,884	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £

B2 Other monetary assets

	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-

B3 Investment assets

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
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B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use


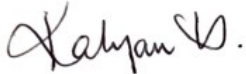
Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
Religious ceremonial asset (idol)	Unrestricted	1,322	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
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		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
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B5 Liabilities

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		-	
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Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Dibakar Gayen	13/07/2025
	Kalyan Hazra	13/07/2025

GLOUCESTERSHIRE PUJA AND CULTURAL ASSOCIATION

England & Wales - Charity number 1181397

Accounts

BRISTOL PUJA COMMITTEE

A Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO)

Registered Charity Number: 1181397

Trustees' Annual Report and Accounts

For

The Year Ending 1st August 2023



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Introduction

Bristol Puja Committee charity activities were suspended due to lack of volunteers and funding since early 2022 – a direct impact of Covid. Additionally, relocation of a few key trustees and volunteers created administrative challenges to carry out normal function of the charity. The charity still upholds the existing vision, mission and values. The trustee members are exploring ways to rejuvenate in the near future.

Vision

A harmonious society by promoting Hindu cultural and religious values and helping individuals, other charity during pandemic, flood and drought.

Mission

- Promoting Hindu cultural and religious values
- Advancement of art, culture and heritage of Bengali and other South Asian communities
- Provide a platform to people of all ages and faiths to enhance personal and social skills
- Help financially individuals, other charities during pandemic, flood, other natural calamities

Values

- Respect for individuals
- Cooperation
- Openness
- Equality

BRISTOL PUJA COMMITTEE

Legal and Administrative Information

Name of Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO):

Bristol Puja Committee (BPC)

Registered Charity Number:

1181397

Trustees:

Mrs Souroni Hazra, appointed on 16/06/2018

Mr Dibakar Gayen appointed on 09/05/2020

Mr Rajib Roy appointed on 09/05/2020

Mr Manas Pratim Nath appointed on 09/05/2020

Registered Address:

54 Dirac Road,
Ashley Down,
Bristol
BS7 9LP

Bankers:

HSBC UK Bank Plc
62 George White Street,
Cabot Circus,
Bristol, BS1 3BA

(The bank closed the account due to inactivity in February 2023)



BRISTOL PUJA COMMITTEE

Structure, Governance and Management

Bristol Puja Committee (hereafter referred as the committee) is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) registered with Charity Commission on 03.01.2019 with registration number 1181397. The committee is governed by its constitution last updated on 23.04.2020. A board of appointed trustees run the organisation with the help of associate members and volunteers.

Objectives and Activities

The objective of the committee is to contribute towards a better society by promoting South Asian culture and Hindu religious values and the relief and assistance of people in need in the UK and overseas who are the victims of natural or other disaster, through the provision of grants. These are achieved by following activities:

- Organise important pujas and festivals in timely manner to bring the flavour of sub-continental life
- Encourage everyone, especially the young children to come forward and demonstrate their talent in contemporary art, music, dance and any other performances.
- Organise professional performances to provide quality entertainment while raising the level of professionalism
- Conduct worships in traditional ways and explain all procedures in simple English describing main purpose and relevance of each activity or rituals
- Organise talks and presentations to highlight Hindu cultural and religious values providing a sense of belongingness
- Create an environment of cooperation, kindness and friendliness
- Inculcate the values of respect, tolerance and safety in young children
- Providing authentic food/prasad to all devotees and participants to give a taste of continental life
- Serve food to homeless people
- Organise social events

BRISTOL PUJA COMMITTEE

Achievement and Performance

In the fifth year of BPC, as mentioned before, no events were organised. In order to rejuvenate the organisation, trustee members are considering the following options:

- Relocation of the registered office
- Attracting new volunteers in the relocated area
- Reviewing the vision, mission and values
- If required, amending the constitution and renaming the charity

Financial review

Financial review details:


Since the publication of 2021-2022 annual report the cash in bank remain zero.

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves:

Not applicable

Details of any funds materially in deficit: Not applicable

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above. Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Name & Position	Dibakar Gayen Chairperson	Signature & Date	 23/12/2023
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BRISTOL PUJA COMMITTEE

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

For the Year Ended 1st August 2023

	<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>		
	2021	2022	2023
	£	£	£
<u>INCOMING RESOURCES</u>			
Members Contributions	1015	445	0
Loan Repayment Contribution by members		220	0
HMRC Gift Aid		3565	0
Sale of idols		1200	0
Donation Received	80	1122	0
Grant Received	0	750	
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES AVAILABLE FOR CHARITABLE APPLICATIONS	<u>1095</u>	<u>7302</u>	
<u>Less – General Expenses</u>			
Durga Puja & Lakshmi Puja	586	4594	0
Saraswati Puja	0	0	0
Holi	0	0	0
	<u>586</u>	<u>4594</u>	<u>0</u>
<u>Finance Costs</u>			
Bank Charges	-	10	0
Repayment of Loan to CIO		6277	0
		<u>6287</u>	<u>0</u>
			0
<u>TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED</u>	<u>586</u>	<u>10881</u>	<u>0</u>
Net of Receipts/Payments_(operating activities)	509	(3579)	0
<u>Total Funds brought forward</u>	<u>(3257)</u>	<u>(2748)</u>	<u>0</u>
<u>Total funds carries forward</u>	<u>(2748)</u>	<u>(6327)</u>	<u>0</u>

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<u>RECONCILIATION OF MOVEMENT IN FUNDS</u>	2021	2022	2023
	£	£	£
<u>Unrestricted General Funds</u>			
Opening Funds	(3257)	(2748)	0
Surplus (Deficit) for the period	509	(3579)	0
Closing Funds on 1 st August 2023	<u>(2748)</u>	<u>(6327)</u>	<u>0</u>

BRISTOL PUJA COMMITTEE

CHARITY BALANCE SHEET

As at 1st August 2023

	2021	2022	2023
	£	£	£
UNRESTRICTED GENERAL FUNDS			
Total Funds	(2748)	(6327)	0
STATEMENT OF ASSETS & LIABILITIES			
Tangible Fixed Assets			
	-	-	-
Less - Accumulated Depreciation	-	-	-
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash in Hand	-	-	-
Cash at Bank	3520	0	0
	<u>3520</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Less - CURRENT LIABILITIES- amounts falling due within 12 months			
Creditors	=	=	=
NET CURRENT ASSETS (LIABILITIES)	<u>3520</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Loan to CIO	(6277)	0	<u>0</u>
EXCESS OF ASSETS OVER LIABILITIES	<u>(2757)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

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The trustees have not required the Charity to obtain an audit in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The Trustees acknowledge their responsibility for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and for the preparation of accounts.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to Charities subject to the small companies regime.

Approved by the Board and Signed on its Behalf

Name & Position	Dibakar Gayen Chairperson	Signature & Date	 23/12/2023
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GLOUCESTERSHIRE PUJA AND CULTURAL ASSOCIATION

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BRISTOL PUJA COMMITTEE

A Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO)

Registered Charity Number: 1181397

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BRISTOL PUJA COMMITTEE

Introduction

The fourth year of Bristol Puja Committee saw a gradual return to normal activities with the easing of pandemic restrictions. Durgotsav and Lakshmi Puja was celebrated with public participation. During the Durgotsav event, we had invited professional singers and dancers, almost 100 devotees and members had enjoyed the evening. Many local Bristol residents and performers also performed during the festival.

Vision

A harmonious society by promoting Hindu cultural and religious values and helping individuals, other charity during pandemic, flood and drought.

Mission

- Promoting Hindu cultural and religious values
- Advancement of art, culture and heritage of Bengali and other South Asian communities
- Provide a platform to people of all ages and faiths to enhance personal and social skills
- Help financially individuals, other charities during pandemic, flood, other natural calamities

Values

- Respect for individuals
- Cooperation
- Openness
- Equality

BRISTOL PUJA COMMITTEE

Legal and Administrative Information

Name of Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO):

Bristol Puja Committee (BPC)

Registered Charity Number:

1181397

Trustees:

Mrs Souroni Hazra, appointed on 16/06/2018

Mr Dibakar Gayen appointed on 09/05/2020

Mr Rajib Roy appointed on 09/05/2020

Mr Manas Pratim Nath appointed on 09/05/2020

Registered Address:

54 Dirac Road,
Ashley Down,
Bristol
BS7 9LP

Bankers:

HSBC UK Bank Plc
62 George White Street,
Cabot Circus,
Bristol, BS1 3BA



BRISTOL PUJA COMMITTEE

Structure, Governance and Management

Bristol Puja Committee (hereafter referred as the committee) is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) registered with Charity Commission on 03.01.2019 with registration number 1181397. The committee is governed by its constitution last updated on 23.04.2020. A board of appointed trustees run the organisation with the help of associate members and volunteers.

Objectives and Activities

The objective of the committee is to contribute towards a better society by promoting South Asian culture and Hindu religious values and the relief and assistance of people in need in the UK and overseas who are the victims of natural or other disaster, through the provision of grants. These are achieved by following activities:

- Organise important pujas and festivals in timely manner to bring the flavour of sub-continental life
- Encourage everyone, especially the young children to come forward and demonstrate their talent in contemporary art, music, dance and any other performances.
- Organise professional performances to provide quality entertainment while raising the level of professionalism
- Conduct worships in traditional ways and explain all procedures in simple English describing main purpose and relevance of each activity or rituals
- Organise talks and presentations to highlight Hindu cultural and religious values providing a sense of belongingness
- Create an environment of cooperation, kindness and friendliness
- Inculcate the values of respect, tolerance and safety in young children
- Providing authentic food/prasad to all devotees and participants to give a taste of continental life
- Serve food to homeless people
- Organise social events

Achievement and Performance

In the fourth year of BPC, we received a grant from South Gloucestershire Council: MAF Grant £750. The grant amount of £700 received in the previous year has been utilised in this year's project.

Sarbojonin Durgotsav and Kojagori Mahalakshmi Puja were celebrated publicly for the first time since the pandemic disrupted normal way of life for most of us. There was lots of enthusiasm and active participation from members, devotees and general public. Many amateur and professional artists performed and enriched the experience for all participants.

Sarbojonin Durgotsav (16.10.2021- 17.10.2021)

A two-day celebration of Durga Puja, the most important festival for the Bengali and other communities, attracted about 300 devotees. Everyone was involved in puja procedures, cultural programmes and was offered bhog/prasad for meals.

Kojagori Mahalakshmi Puja (17.10.2021)

Lakshmi puja was celebrated immediately after the Durgotsav. The puja was followed by cultural programme and dinner for all participants.

Financial review

Financial review details:

The committee's main source of funding is from contribution from trustees, associate members and general public along with donations and sponsorships. Another source of funding is grant from local council and contribution from local businesses.

BRISTOL PUJA COMMITTEE


From July 2019 Members has started paying £10 monthly. About 9 families continued this monthly scheme. We found a few local businesses to sponsor the events. Unfortunately, we have lost a number of members in the past few years due to various reasons and that has made smooth functioning of the committee a bit difficult. Gift Aid claim from HMRC for the previous years has been successful and that has helped us to keep the deficit down. All money expensed during all events had been claimed.

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves:

Due to the sort period of coverage for this year only two events have been organised so far. Though there is a fall in membership contribution incoming funds for Gift Aid and Grants from South Gloucestershire Council have helped us to manage the events without difficulty. Due to changing circumstances the trustees have decided that functioning of the committee is financially and logistically unviable. The trustees agreed to repay £6277 to Mrs Souroni Hazra, the founder against CIO loan amount of £6277 and after that the final balance in bank account is now zero. The bank account has now been closed.

Details of any funds materially in deficit: Not applicable

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above. Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Name & Position	Dibakar Gayen Chairperson	Signature & Date	 11/02/2023
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BRISTOL PUJA COMMITTEE

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

For the Year Ended 1st August 2022

	<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>	
	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>
	£	£
<u>INCOMING RESOURCES</u>		
Members Contributions	1015	445
Loan Repayment Contribution by members		220
HMRC Gift Aid		3565
Sale of idols		1200
Donation Received	80	1122
Grant Received	0	750
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES AVAILABLE FOR CHARITABLE APPLICATIONS	<u>1095</u>	<u>7302</u>
<u>Less – General Expenses</u>		
Durga Puja & Lakshmi Puja	586	4594
Saraswati Puja	0	0
Holi	0	0
	<u>586</u>	<u>4594</u>
<u>Finance Costs</u>		
Bank Charges	-	10
Repayment of Loan to CIO		6277
		<u>6287</u>
<u>TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED</u>	<u>586</u>	<u>10881</u>
Net of Receipts/Payments_(operating activities)	509	(3579)
<u>Total Funds brought forward</u>	(3257)	(2748)
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	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>
	£	£
<u>RECONCILIATION OF MOVEMENT IN FUNDS</u>		
<u>Unrestricted General Funds</u>		
Opening Funds	(3257)	(2748)
Surplus (Deficit) for the period	509	(3579)
Closing Funds on 1 st August 2022	<u>(2748)</u>	<u>(6327)</u>

BRISTOL PUJA COMMITTEE

CHARITY BALANCE SHEET

As at 1st August 2022

	2021	2022
	£	£
<u>UNRESTRICTED GENERAL FUNDS</u>		
Total Funds	(2748)	(6327)
<u>STATEMENT OF ASSETS & LIABILITIES</u>		
<u>Tangible Fixed Assets</u>	-	-
<u>Less - Accumulated Depreciation</u>	-	-
<u>CURRENT ASSETS</u>		
Cash in Hand	-	-
Cash at Bank	3520	0
	<u>3520</u>	<u>0</u>
<u>Less - CURRENT LIABILITIES- amounts falling due within 12 months</u>		
Creditors	-	-
<u>NET CURRENT ASSETS (LIABILITIES)</u>	<u>3520</u>	<u>0</u>
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Name & Position	Dibakar Gayen Chairperson	Signature & Date	 11/02/2023
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BRISTOL PUJA COMMITTEE



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BRISTOL PUJA COMMITTEE

Introduction

This has been a year of significant challenges with everyone having to live under pandemic restrictions. Bristol Puja Committee, like every other organisation, had to limit the activities drastically due to lockdown and social distancing rules. Pujas were conducted in the registered office of Bristol Puja Committee in presence of a handful of people as permitted under the existing rules.

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- Organise social events

BRISTOL PUJA COMMITTEE

Achievement and Performance

In the third year of BPC, we have received a grant from South Gloucestershire Council: Area Wide Grant £700. Due to Covid restrictions our planned Durgotsav festival for October 2020 had to be cancelled. Therefore, the grant amount of £700 was not utilised in this period.

A scaled down version Durga Puja was performed at the registered office of Bristol Puja Committee observing the Covid-19 rules.

Sarbojonin Durgotsav (31.10.2020- 01.11.2020)

Instead of elaborate celebration of Durgotsav, Durga Puja was carried out for two days in presence of only six persons as was permitted by law at that time. The puja was however streamed live on social media for the devotees to offer payer from their homes.

Kojagori Mahalakshmi Puja (01.11.2020)

Lakshmi puja was celebrated at the end of Durga Puja in a similar way.

Sri Saraswati Puja (20.02.2021)

Goddess Saraswati was worshipped without any public attendance. The Puja was carried out by offering flower and prasad to the goddess.

Financial review

Financial review details:

The committee's main source of funding is from contribution from trustees, associate members and general public along with donations and sponsorships. Another source of funding is grant from local council and contribution from local businesses.

BRISTOL PUJA COMMITTEE

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves:

From 2nd August 2019 till 1st August 2021 the committee have arranged three events which included total 3 days. As on 1st August 2021 the total incoming fund for the committee was £1095 and the total expenses for the same period was £586. An amount of £532 was spent by the CIO and hence added to Loan to CIO. The current Loan to CIO stand at £6277.

Details of any funds materially in deficit: Not applicable

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above. Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Name & Position	Dibakar Gayen Chairperson	Signature & Date	 02/05/2022
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BRISTOL PUJA COMMITTEE

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

For the Year Ended 1st August 2021

	Unrestricted Funds	
	2020	2021
	£	£
<u>INCOMING RESOURCES</u>		
Members Contributions	1090	1015
Donation Received	11180	80
Grant Received	1200	0
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES AVAILABLE FOR CHARITABLE APPLICATIONS	<u>13470</u>	<u>1095</u>
<u>Less – General Expenses</u>		
Durga Puja & Lakshmi Puja	2514	586
Saraswati Puja	307	0
Holi	0	0
Hall Hire		
4 number Covid Hero's family support	8830	0
	<u>11651</u>	<u>586</u>
<u>Finance Costs</u>		
Bank Charges	-	-
<u>TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED</u>	<u>11651</u>	<u>586</u>
Net of Receipts/Payments_(operating activities)	1819	509
<u>Total Funds brought forward</u>	(5076)	(3257)
<u>Total funds carries forward</u>	<u>(3257)</u>	<u>(2748)</u>

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<u>RECONCILIATION OF MOVEMENT IN FUNDS</u>	2020	2021
	£	£
<u>Unrestricted General Funds</u>		
Opening Funds	(5076)	(3257)
Surplus (Deficit) for the period	(1819)	509
Closing Funds at 1 st August 2021	<u>(3257)</u>	<u>(2748)</u>

BRISTOL PUJA COMMITTEE

CHARITY BALANCE SHEET

As on 1st August 2021

	2020	2021
	£	£
<u>UNRESTRICTED GENERAL FUNDS</u>		
Total Funds	(3257)	(2748)
<u>STATEMENT OF ASSETS & LIABILITIES</u>		
<u>Tangible Fixed Assets</u>	-	-
<u>Less - Accumulated Depreciation</u>	-	-
<u>CURRENT ASSETS</u>		
Cash in Hand	-	-
Cash at Bank	2488	3520
	<u>2488</u>	<u>3520</u>
<u>Less - CURRENT LIABILITIES- amounts falling due within 12 months</u>		
Creditors		-
<u>NET CURRENT ASSETS (LIABILITIES)</u>	<u>2488</u>	<u>3520</u>
Loan to CIO	(5745)	(6277)
<u>EXCESS OF ASSETS OVER LIABILITIES</u>	<u>(3257)</u>	<u>(2757)</u>

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Approved by the Board and Signed on its Behalf

Name & Position	Dibakar Gayen Chairperson	Signature & Date	 02/05/2022
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