



Trustees' annual report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
	01	01	2023		31	12	2023

Reference and administration details

Charity name *Sanskriti (Reading)*

Other names charity is known by *N/A*

Registered charity number (if any) *1192984*

Charity's principal address *24 Tamarind Way*

Earley

Reading

Postcode

RG6 5GR

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	<i>Soumitra Roy</i>			
2	<i>Dolan Majumder</i>			
3	<i>Santanu Basu</i>			
4	<i>Dibyendu Bhattacharya</i>			
5	<i>Somnath Mitra</i>			
6	<i>Sanjoy Sarkar</i>			
7	<i>Sushmita Banerjee</i>			
8	<i>Bedanuj Dasgupta</i>			
9	<i>Jay Sinha</i>			
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisors (Optional information)

Type of advisor	Name	Address
Bank		

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	<i>Constitution adopted 5th January 2021</i>
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	<i>Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO)</i>
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	<i>Trustees were appointed at inception and appointed or reappointed annually at the Annual General Meeting</i>

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees

The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works

Relationship with any related parties

Trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them

Membership to the organisation is open to any family who are aligned with the work and thoughts of the organisation.

The trustees oversee the charity governance matters while the executive committee decides and manages the day to day running of the organisation. There is some overlap between the trustees and executive committee. The executive committee seeks trustee's views on charity matters. Both trustees and executive committee work together in deciding the events and activities to ensure that they align with the charity objectives.

All trustees give their time voluntarily and received no remuneration or other benefits.

Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

*The advancement of education of the public in the UK in Indian culture through the provision of traditional Indian cultural events.
The relief of financial hardship, either generally or individually, of people living in India by making grants of money to charities for providing or paying for items, services or facilities.*

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects

In planning our activities for the year we kept in mind the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

The main activities that we undertook in 2023 are as follows:

- *Saraswati Puja*
- *Cultural programme (Sycamore Fest & Porshia Sen)*
- *Donation to Swadhina*
- *Kali Puja and Diwali event;*
- *Donation to Kankhal Medical Aid*
- *Members event – Holi (Festival of Colours) & Nababorsho (Bengali New Year)*
- *Charity Outdoor Day*

Saraswati Puja and Kali Puja & Diwali event are festivities that highlight the multi-cultural facet of the Indian community. It engages the community with greater social participation in traditional ceremonies, at the same time spreading the rich cultural heritage of India within the community. These events were open to the general public.

The fest and musical programme that was organized in October 2023 supported our objective of spreading Indian culture, through arts and music, to the people in the UK. This event was a ticketed event mainly to cover the cost of organizing the programme.

Sanskriti, through its donation to an Indian charity Swadhina, fulfilled and continue its long-standing ambition to support girls' education in rural India and to support the underprivileged through the provision of educational facilities. Swadhina, a registered charity in India, works at the ground level and Sanskriti through its collaboration with Swadhina, launched the opening and running of the educational facility in the Musabani area of Jharkhand, India. The Charity Outdoor Day was organized in July 2023 as a fund raising event to raise fund for this worthy cause.

Kankhal Medical Aid (KMA) helps the Ramakrishna Sevashram Charity Hospital in Hardwar, India in its quest to provide free medical aid to the poor people of the neighbouring villages. Sanskriti has been supporting KMA for many years and that support was continued in 2023.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

Policy on grantmaking

Policy programme related investment

Contribution made by Volunteers

We are grateful for the many hours our members have put in - in planning, organizing and executing the events during the year.

This included the AGM held in February 2023 where the trustees presented the charity work that we did in the previous year and our future ambition, and the executive committee members presented the event plans for 2023.

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year.	<i>Organising the Charity Outdoor Day (fund raising event for Swadhina)</i> <i>AGM held in person on 18th February</i> <i>Organizing the fest showcasing art and culture and Porshia Sen at Global Academy, Hayes</i> <i>Kali Pujo & Diwali Event at Braywick Leisure Centre, Maidenhead with a footfall of 1000</i>
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Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

Closing balance on 31/12/2023 was £34,408. The earning in 2023 was £29,604. The expense in 2023 was £28,498, thus creating a small surplus of £1,106 for the year. The balance fund is kept as reserve for use in organisation's charity objectives in the following year and also to meet the operational costs in the event of a loss of income and to meet any unforeseen expenditure that may occur.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

Not applicable

Further financial review details: (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising).

How expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity.

Investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

Our main source of funds this year has been membership fees, donations during the Kali Puja & Diwali event, donations from members, donation during Charity Outdoor Day event, sponsorship funds received from advertisers during the fest and cultural programme and Kali Puja & Diwali event, and donations from non-members for Kali Puja and Saraswati Puja events.

The expenditure during 2023 has supported our objective of advancing the cause of spreading Indian culture among the public in the UK through the organisation of art and cultural event, Kali Puja & Diwali event and Saraswati Puja event. Expenditure like venue hire costs, artist expenses, food cost during events formed majority of the expenses during the year.

Donation was made to Swadhina, a charity in India for maintaining girls' educational facility in Musabani area of Jharkhand, India. Donation was also made to Kankhal Medical Aid – a charity which supports the medical needs of the underprivileged in Hardwar, India – both supporting our other objective.

Expenditure was also incurred to support operational cost e.g. cost of insurance, web hosting cost and garage hire cost.

Other optional information

Future Plans

The coming year will see a continued emphasis on using the balance funds in 2023 to be used for our charitable causes. And to grow Sanskriti's membership base with more volunteers contributing to our events and cause.

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Somnath Mitra	Soumitra Roy
Position (eg chair, etc)	Trustee	Trustee
Date	18.09.2024.	



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the
trustees/directors/
members of

Sanskriti (Reading)

On accounts for the year
ended

31 December 2023

Charity no.:

1192984

Company no.:

Set out on pages

Responsibilities and
basis of report

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity for the year ended 31 December 2023

As the charity's trustees of the Charity, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charity Act 2011 ("the 2011 Act").

I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ("the 2011 Act"). In carrying out my examination, I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

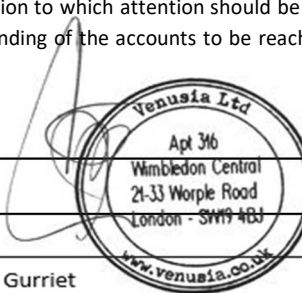
Independent
examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that:

- Accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- The accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:


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London - SW19 4BJ
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Date:

28 September 2023

Name:

Gerald Gurriet

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):

Association of International Accountants

Address:

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London, SW19 4BJ

Apt 316 Wimbledon Central, 21 – 33 Worple Road

Disclosure section

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material problems.

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

Charity Name <i>Sanskriti (Reading)</i>	No (if any) <i>1192984</i>
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Receipts and payments accounts

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for the period	Period start date <i>01/01/2023</i>	To	Period end date <i>31/12/2023</i>
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Charity Name

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					
<i>See separate account submission</i>			-		
			-		
			-		
			-		
			-		
			-		
Sub total			-		
A2 Asset and investment sales, etc.	-	-	-		-
Total receipts					

A3 Payments

A4 Asset and investment purchases, etc.					
Total payments					
Net of receipts/(payments)					
A5 Transfers Between Funds					
A6 Cash funds last year end					
Cash funds this year end					

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	<i>See separate account submission.</i>			
	Total cash funds			
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))			
B2 Other monetary assets				
B3 Investment assets		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
		Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities				

**Signed (on behalf of all
the trustees)**



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

SANSKRITI (READING)

No (if any)

Receipts and payments accounts

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from

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Section A Receipts and payments

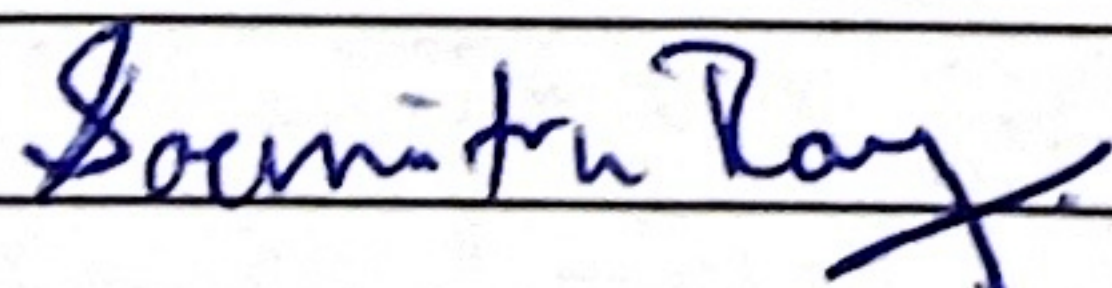
	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Membership Fees	1,550	-	-	1,550	1,225
Donation from Members for Saraswati Puja	50	-	-	50	50
Donation from Non-members for Saraswati Puja	669	-	-	669	449
Sponsorship for Saraswati Puja	-	-	-	-	12
Donation from Members for Holi	318	-	-	318	-
Donation from Members for Bengali New Year Day celebration	662	-	-	662	460
Donation from Members for Charity Walk	1,073	-	-	1,073	-
Donation from Non-Members for Charity Walk	1,534	-	-	1,534	-
Sponsorship for Charity Walk	270	-	-	270	150
Donation from Members for Sycome Fest & Cultural Programme	1,480	-	-	1,480	1,360
Donation from Non-members for Cultural Programme	2,525	-	-	2,525	7,782
Sponsorship for Cultural Programme	995	-	-	995	1,550
Donation from Members for Kali Puja	7,743	-	-	7,743	11,324
Donation from Non-members for Kali Puja	7,335	-	-	7,335	5,700
Sponsorship for Kali Puja	750	-	-	750	105
Collection from Charity Stall	-	-	-	-	298
Sponsorship from Amazon Europe	19	-	-	19	-
Gift Aid from HMRC	2,482	-	-	2,482	344
UKBC - Cultural Programme Dues	150	-	-	150	-
Donation from Members for Organization Meetings	-	-	-	-	288
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	29,604	-	-	29,604	31,097
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	29,604	-	-	29,604	31,097
A3 Payments					
Donation to UK based Charity KANKHAL MEDICAL AID	400	-	-	400	500
Donation to India based Charity SWADHINA	934	-	-	934	940
Bank Charges for Donation	17	-	-	17	-
Hall Hire for Saraswati Puja	555	-	-	555	168
Saraswati Puja Expenses	247	-	-	247	121
Saraswati Puja food material purchase	337	-	-	337	31
Saraswati Puja Cultural Programme	-	-	-	-	50
Saraswati Puja miscellaneous expenses	10	-	-	10	24
Hall Hire for Holi celebration	63	-	-	63	-
Holi celebration - Food	216	-	-	216	-
Hall Hire for Bengali New Year Day Celebration	88	-	-	88	-
Bengali New Year Day Celebration - food	629	-	-	629	831
Marquee Hire Expenses for Charity Walk CCXX R1 accounts (SS)	189	1	-	189	17/10/2024 -

Food & Other Expenses for Charity Walk	717	-	-	717	-
Cultural programme artist expenses	1,700	-	-	1,700	2,500
Hall Hire Expenses for Cultural Programme	1,175	-	-	1,175	1,955
Air ticket, Visa & Food Expenses for Cultural programme	1,496	-	-	1,496	5,603
Cultural programme other expenses	635	-	-	635	771
Hall Hire for Kali Puja	5,035	-	-	5,035	8,750
Kali Puja Expenses	215	-	-	215	318
Kali Puja food material purchase	5,856	-	-	5,856	2,697
Kali Puja utensils hire	997	-	-	997	519
Cultural programme - Kali Puja	1,200	-	-	1,200	-
Kali Puja Sound System Hire	310	-	-	310	40
Kali Puja Gazebo Hire	225	-	-	225	331
Decoration expenses	597	-	-	597	477
Van hire cost	550	-	-	550	500
Helper expenses	1,200	-	-	1,200	1,280
Security expenses	300	-	-	300	-
Miscellaneous expenses - Kali Puja	62	-	-	62	482
Hall Hire for Annual General Meeting	100	-	-	100	185
Ma Kali Idol Freight Charges	715	-	-	715	-
Annual General Meeting food expenses	129	-	-	129	313
Public Liability Insurance	60	-	-	60	259
Web Page Maintenance cost	158	-	-	158	144
New Laptop purchase	407	-	-	407	-
Software development	37	-	-	37	-
Bank charges	89	-	-	89	215
External Auditor payment	250	-	-	250	-
Garage Hire	600	-	-	600	-
Food Expenses for Cultural Programme	-	-	-	-	1,485
Hall Hire for Organization Meeting	-	-	-	-	270
Food Expenses for Organization Meeting	-	-	-	-	261
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	28,498	-	-	28,498	32,020
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	28,498	-	-	28,498	32,020
Net of receipts/(payments)	1,106	-	-	1,106	- 922
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	33,302	-	-	33,302	34,225
Cash funds this year end	34,408	-	-	34,408	33,302

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	Deposited in Bank	34,316	-	-
	Cash in hand	93	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	34,408	-	-
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B2 Other monetary assets	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
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			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
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			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
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
	Soumitra Roy	24/09/2024



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