



Trustees' annual report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
	01	01	2024		31	12	2024

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 objectives 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 2024 were as follows:

- Saraswati Puja*
- Charity Outdoor Day*
- Donation to Swadhina, Kankhal Medical Aid, Manobik Chandpur*
- Durga Puja (this was done for the first time)*
- Kali Puja and Diwali event;*
- Members events – Holi (Festival of Colour), Nababorsho (Bengali New Year) & Bijoya Sammiloni*

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. For the first time, we organized Durga Puja, which is traditionally a 5 day community festival, however, was done over 3 days by us. It has the same ethos as the other two festivals and engaged great social participation and spread the cultural heritage of India. The event was carried out in a village in Upper Basildon, where, the nearby residents also attended.

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 2024 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 2024.

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 - during planning, organizing and executing the events during the year.

This included the AGM held in April 2024 where the trustees presented the charity work that we did in the previous year and our future ambition, while the executive committee members presented the event plans for 2024.

Following the AGM, the minutes of meeting was shared amongst all members.

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year.

Organising the Charity Outdoor Day (fund raising event for Swadhina)

AGM held in person on 14th April 2024

Durga Puja event, hosted in Upper Basildon, over a period of 3 days

Kali Pujo & Diwali Event hosted at Sindlesham Court, Wokingham

Sanskriti enjoyed great participation from general public and by hosting these events at different places meant that we engaged different parts of the community

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

Closing balance as on 31/12/2024 was £51,850. The earning in 2024 was £41,336. The expense in 2024 was £23,895. This created a surplus of £17,441 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. The fund may be used to host a cultural event in 2025/2026. The fund will also assist in funding for the future years of girl's education in Musabani.

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 for Durga Puja event, donation during Charity Outdoor Day event, sponsorship received for Kali Puja & Diwali event, and donations from non-members for Kali Puja and Durga Puja events.

The expenditure during 2024 has supported our objective of advancing the cause of spreading Indian culture among the public in the UK through the organisation of Durga Puja event, Kali Puja & Diwali event and Saraswati Puja event. Expenditure like venue hire costs, 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, website development cost and garage hire cost.

Other optional information

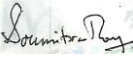
Future Plans

The coming year will see a continued emphasis on using the balance funds from 2024 (as noted above) 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	10.10.2025.	



Receipts and payments accounts

For the period
from

01/01/2024

To

31/12/2024

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					
Membership Fees	1,800	-	-	1,800	1,550
HMRC Gift Aid	7,524	-	-	7,524	2,482
Donation from Members for Saraswati Puja	530	-	-	530	50
Donation from Non-members for Saraswati Puja	773	-	-	773	669
Donation from Members for Holi	-	-	-	-	318
Donation from Members for Bengali New Year Day celebration	430	-	-	430	662
Donation from Members for Sanskriti Club Cultural Programme	202	-	-	202	-
Donation from Non-Members for Sanskriti Club Cultural Programme	72	-	-	72	-
Donation from Members for Charity Walk	565	-	-	565	1,073
Donation from Non-Members for Charity Walk	800	-	-	800	1,534
Sponsorship for Charity Walk	-	-	-	-	270
Donation from Members for Sycamore Fest & Cultural Programme	-	-	-	-	1,480
Donation from Non-members for Cultural Programme	-	-	-	-	2,525
Sponsorship for Cultural Programme	-	-	-	-	995
Donation from Members for Durga Puja	5,481	-	-	5,481	-
Patron contribution for Durga Puja	550	-	-	550	-
Individual Sponsorship for Durga Puja	1,967	-	-	1,967	-
Donation from Non-members for Durga Puja	5,745	-	-	5,745	-
Sponsorship for Durga Puja	1,201	-	-	1,201	-
Donation from Members for Kali Puja	5,676	-	-	5,676	7,743
Patron contribution for Kali Puja	1,500	-	-	1,500	-
Individual Sponsorship for Durga Puja	358	-	-	358	-
Donation from Non-members for Kali Puja	4,567	-	-	4,567	7,335
Sponsorship for Kali Puja	1,430	-	-	1,430	750
Collection from Charity Stall	-	-	-	-	-
Sponsorship from Amazon Europe	-	-	-	-	19
Donation from Members for Bijoya Sammiloni	165	-	-	165	-
UKBC - Cultural Programme Dues	-	-	-	-	150
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	41,336	-	-	41,336	29,604
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	41,336	-	-	£41,336.47	29,604

A3 Payments

Donation to UK based Charity KANKHAL MEDICAL AID	401	-	-	401	400
Donation to India based Charity SWADHINA	893	-	-	893	934
Donation to India based Charity MANIKPUR INTBHATA	95	-	-	95	-
Bank Charges for Donation	17	-	-	17	17
Hall Hire for Saraswati Puja	714	-	-	714	555
Saraswati Puja Expenses (SS)	300	1	-	300	13/10/2025 247

Saraswati Puja food material purchase	196	-	-	196	337
Saraswati Puja sound system hire	390	-	-	390	-
Saraswati Puja miscellaneous expenses	85	-	-	85	10
Hall Hire for Holi celebration	-	-	-	-	63
Holi celebration - Food	-	-	-	-	216
Hall Hire for Annual General Meeting	100	-	-	100	100
Annual General Meeting food expenses	668	-	-	668	129
Sanskriti Badges for members	97	-	-	97	-
Web Page Maintenance cost	173	-	-	173	158
Bank charges	79	-	-	79	89
Google Pay Charges	30	-	-	30	-
External Auditor payment	250	-	-	250	250
Public Liability Insurance	331	-	-	331	60
Website development	187	-	-	187	37
Laptop Care / Maintenance	90	-	-	90	407
Marquee Purchase	607	-	-	607	-
Garage Door Repair	44	-	-	44	-
Garage Hire	1,560	-	-	1,560	600
Old Debtors	15	-	-	15	-
Hall Hire for Bengali New Year Day Celebration	63	-	-	63	88
Bengali New Year Day Celebration - Food Expenses	77	-	-	77	629
Sanskriti Club Cultural Programme - Food Expenses	391	-	-	391	-
Food Expenses for Charity Walk	351	-	-	351	717
Marquee Hire Expenses for Charity Walk	-	-	-	-	189
Cultural programme Artist Expenses	-	-	-	-	1,700
Hall Hire Expenses for Cultural Programme	-	-	-	-	1,175
Air ticket, Visa & Food Expenses for Cultural programme	-	-	-	-	1,496
Cultural programme other Expenses	-	-	-	-	635
Durga Puja Expenses	928	-	-	928	-
Hall Hire for Durga Puja	1,589	-	-	1,589	-
Durga Puja Food Expenses	2,636	-	-	2,636	-
Durga Puja Utensils Hire Expenses	349	-	-	349	-
Durga Puja Decoration Expenses	1,005	-	-	1,005	-
Durga Puja Van Hire Expenses	620	-	-	620	-
Durga Puja Sound System Expenses	250	-	-	250	-
Durga Puja Miscellaneous Expenses	678	-	-	678	-
Hall Hire for Kali Puja	3,114	-	-	3,114	5,035
Kali Puja Expenses	237	-	-	237	215
Kali Puja food material purchase	1,276	-	-	1,276	5,856
Kali Puja utensils hire	920	-	-	920	997
Cultural programme - Kali Puja	100	-	-	100	1,200
Kali Puja Sound System Hire	-	-	-	-	310
Kali Puja Gazebo Hire	-	-	-	-	225
Decoration expenses	80	-	-	80	597
Van hire cost	440	-	-	440	550
Helper expenses	600	-	-	600	1,200
Security expenses	-	-	-	-	300
Miscellaneous expenses - Kali Puja	175	-	-	175	62
Ma Kali Idol Freight Charges	-	-	-	-	715
Food Expenses for Bijoya Sammiloni	695	-	-	695	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	23,895	-	-	£23,895	28,498

A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-

Total payments	23,895	-	-	23,895	28,498
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Net of receipts/(payments)	17,441	-	-	17,441	1,106.07
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	34,408	-	-	34,408	33,302
Cash funds this year end	51,850	-	-	51,850	34,408

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	51,209	-	-
	Cash in hand	641	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	51,850	-	-
	(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)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
		Soumitra Roy	07/09/2025	



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the
trustees/directors/
members of

Sanskriti (Reading)

On accounts for the year
ended

31 December 2024

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 2024

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.

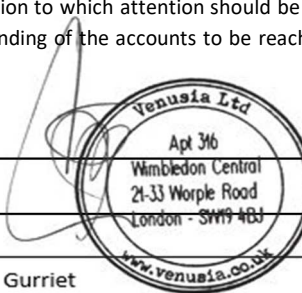
Independent
examiner's statement

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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Date:

17 September 2024

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Gerald Gurriet

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