

Trustees' Annual Report for the period						
From	Period start date			To	Period end date	
	01	01	2024		31	12

## Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name	HOLY COW COMMUNITY EVENTS
Other names charity is known by	N/A
Registered charity number (if any)	01194665
Charity's principal address	1 Rectory Mews
	Buckingham Road
	Weedon
Postcode	HP22 4DR

### 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	Poonam Gupta	Poonam Gupta		
2	Julia Eacott			
3	Prashanthini Jeyarajan			
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	Name		Dates acted if not for whole year	
	n/a			

### Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
n/a		

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

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## Section B Structure, governance and management

### Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	CIO constitution – adopted from charity commission
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	

### 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.

## Section C Objectives and activities

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

#### Objects and Public Benefit

The objects of **Holy Cow Community**, as set out in its governing document, are to **promote cultural understanding, community cohesion, and wellbeing**. The charity pursues these objects by:

- Organising and supporting **cultural, educational, and artistic activities**;
- Providing opportunities for the **community to celebrate and participate in festivals, traditions, and creative projects**;
- Supporting **refugee, minority, and disadvantaged groups** through cultural and educational initiatives;
- Encouraging **volunteering, community participation, and the sharing of knowledge, skills, and experiences**;
- Advancing **public health and wellbeing** through activities such as workshops, creative projects, and mindful practices like yoga.

All activities are carried out **for the public benefit**, accessible to everyone regardless of background, faith, or ability. Through its

<p>programmes and events, Holy Cow Community <b>fosters inclusion, understanding, and social cohesion</b>, bringing light, joy, and cultural enrichment to the wider community.</p>	<p>During the year, <b>Holy Cow Community</b> has delivered a range of activities and events designed to advance its charitable objects and provide clear public benefit.</p> <p>Key activities in 2024–25 included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Diwali – Festival of Lights:</b> Our flagship annual event brought together hundreds of community members to experience traditional and contemporary Indian culture through music, dance, food, Rangoli displays, and interactive workshops. The event was free or affordable for all, ensuring accessibility to the wider public.</li> <li>• <b>Makar Sankranti Community Kite-Making Workshop:</b> Families and individuals of all ages participated in hands-on kite-making and cultural learning, fostering creativity, engagement, and cross-community interaction.</li> <li>• <b>Stories on a Plate Project (in partnership with MKIAC):</b> Afghan refugee women and children were supported through food, storytelling, and creative arts, promoting social inclusion, confidence, and cultural exchange.</li> <li>• <b>Holi – Festival of Colours (in partnership with Aylesbury Hindu Temple Trust):</b> A celebration of colour, music, and community cohesion, bringing together participants from diverse backgrounds.</li> <li>• <b>International Yoga Day (in partnership with HSS Āryabhat Shākhā, Aylesbury):</b> Delivered the first Yoga Day event, providing accessible opportunities for participants to engage in physical and mental wellbeing practices.</li> </ul> <p>All of these activities are <b>open to the public</b>, with no restrictions based on faith, background, or ability, ensuring that the benefits of cultural learning, community participation, and wellbeing are widely available.</p> <p>The Trustees <b>confirm that in planning and delivering these activities they have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit</b>. The charity remains committed to advancing its objects for the benefit of the wider community and continues to assess the impact of its work to ensure maximum accessibility and benefit.</p>
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Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

**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.

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

#### Key Activities and Achievements in 2024

In 2024, **Holy Cow Community** continued to strengthen its mission of fostering cultural understanding, creativity, and community connection through a series of inclusive and engaging events.

The year began with the **Makar Sankranti Community Kite-Making Workshop**, a joyful event that brought together families and individuals of all ages to learn about this traditional harvest festival. Participants enjoyed hands-on creative sessions while sharing stories, food, and cultural exchange — a true reflection of community spirit.

We were proud to **collaborate with MKIAC (Milton Keynes Islamic Arts and Culture)** on the *Stories on a Plate* project, working closely with **Afghan refugee women and children**. This initiative provided a safe and welcoming space for participants to express their cultural heritage through food, storytelling, and art — building confidence, connection, and cross-cultural understanding.

In partnership with the **Aylesbury Hindu Temple Trust**, we also supported the **Holi – Festival of Colours**, celebrating unity, joy, and diversity through music, colour, and dance.

Our flagship annual celebration, the **Diwali – Festival of Lights**, once again brought together the wider community for an evening of performances, food, and festivities. The event showcased both traditional and contemporary Indian culture, featuring dance, Rangoli, and a vibrant sense of togetherness.

Throughout the year, Holy Cow Community remained committed to its core values of **inclusion, creativity, and cultural harmony**, engaging hundreds of people across Buckinghamshire and beyond. These activities were made possible thanks to the dedication of our volunteers, community partners, and the generosity of supporters who continue to believe in our mission to share light, joy, and understanding.

#### Plans and Progress for the Year Ahead (2025)

As we moved into 2025, **Holy Cow Community** continued to grow in its mission to celebrate culture, wellbeing, and togetherness through inclusive community events.

We were delighted to deliver our **first International Yoga Day celebration**, held in partnership with **HSS Āryabhat Shākhā, Aylesbury**. The event brought community members together to experience the physical and mental benefits of yoga, encouraging health, mindfulness, and connection across ages and backgrounds.

Building on this success, our plans for the remainder of 2025 include:

- **Expanding Cultural and Wellbeing Programmes:**  
We will continue to offer new opportunities for community participation through cultural workshops, creative arts, and wellbeing sessions such as yoga, meditation, and mindful movement.
- **Strengthening Partnerships:**  
Following successful collaborations with **MKIAC, Aylesbury**

## Section D

## Achievements and performance

**Hindu Temple Trust**, and **HSS Āryabhat Shākhā**, we plan to deepen these relationships and explore new partnerships to broaden our reach and impact.

- **Enhancing the Diwali – Festival of Lights:**  
Our flagship event will continue to evolve, featuring diverse performances, interactive activities, and increased volunteer engagement to ensure it remains accessible, inclusive, and memorable for all.
- **Supporting Refugee and Minority Communities:**  
We aim to further develop creative initiatives that empower and connect refugee and migrant families through shared cultural experiences, language exchange, and storytelling.
- **Sustainability and Growth:**  
To sustain our expanding programme, we will focus on securing long-term funding through grants, sponsorships, and community fundraising, ensuring that our events remain affordable and open to everyone.

Through these efforts, **Holy Cow Community** continues to shine as a source of **light, creativity, and connection**, strengthening community bonds and promoting wellbeing through culture and shared celebration.

## Section E

## Financial review

**Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves**

The charity aims to maintain **reserves at a level sufficient to cover at least a years of core operating costs and annual Diwali festival**, ensuring continuity of activities in the event of unforeseen shortfalls in income or delays in funding.

Reserves are held to allow the charity to **meet its ongoing commitments, manage cash flow, and respond to opportunities or challenges** without disruption to its programmes. The Trustees regularly review the level of reserves to ensure they remain appropriate to the charity's activities and risk profile.

**Details of any funds materially in deficit**

n/a

**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.

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## Section F Other optional information

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## Section G Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	<i>P Gupta</i>	
Full name(s)	Poonam Gupta	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	
Date	31 <sup>st</sup> October 2025	

HOLY COW COMMUNITY EVENTS

BALANCE SHEET

At 31 December 2024 2023

FIXED ASSETS

Web Development 1,390 1,390

CURRENT ASSETS

Bank current	-		
Bank Savings	17,482	17,275	
Bank new H C	<u>7,666</u>	<u>1,973</u>	
	25,148	19,248	
Grants in Advance	<u>- 10,000</u>	<u>- 10,000</u>	

<b>NET ASSETS</b>	<u>16,538</u>	<u>10,638</u>
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Representing:

<b>CAPITAL ACCOUNT</b>		
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Capital and Reserves	<u>16,538</u>	<u>10,639</u>
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