



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 30/11/2021 Period start date To 31/12/2022 Period end date

Charity name: CHITRAPUR SARASWAT SAMAJ UK

Charity registration number: 1196840

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	Organise and arrange cultural, religious and educational programmes; enhance (and educate about) Shri Chitrapur Math in Shirali and the Guruparampara; raise funds for various charitable projects in UK and India, particularly those promoted and supported by our Math in Shirali including schools, women's empowerment and micro-finance at village level.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	<p>Diwali, November 2021: Cultural programme including dance, musical renditions and skits in native language (Konkani), before a dinner at which the community could congregate. This is the main event in the annual calendar where the CSSUK community gets to meet.</p> <p>Sayujyam Sadhana Panchakam (jointly with Bangalore Sabha) Nov 2021 – June 2022 We were teamed with Bangalore Sabha to engage in prayer meetings; monthly discussions on various moral questions (Vimarsh)</p> <p>Inauguration of charity status for Sabha, June 2022: A lunchtime meeting for all members to launch the charity and set out its aims and goals. It was self-financing with members paying £20.</p> <p>Charity walk, June 2022 A 5km walk that took place in the Regent's Park to raise money for the Educational and Vocational Centre for the Handicapped in Virar Mumbai.</p> <p>Konkarnival, July 2022: An annual market-stall event in which funds were raised for two causes: the Trussell Trust (based in the UK) and the Saraswat Education Society (based</p>

		<p>in India). Each stallholder could choose which of the charities the money went to.</p> <p>Samvaad (Zoom interview by Jaishankar Bondal and Frank Conlon), July 2022. A general discussion on Bhanap identity and the book “A Caste in a Changing World: The Chitrapur Saraswat Brahmins, 1700 – 1935”.</p> <p>Online and in person Flute classes by Sanjeeth Rao offered to all members, July 2022</p> <p>Annual Youth Hike, Box Hill North Downs, August 2022 – engaging the youth and raise money for charity.</p> <p>Annual sports day, August 2022, at Verulamium Park St Albans</p> <p>Sayujyam Navratri Celebrations, November 2022 – online with groups in India</p> <p>Diwali celebrations (jointly with Gowda Saraswat Sabha UK), November 2022</p> <p>Vantiga remittance: £10,768 was remitted for the Indian financial year ending 31/3/22. Vantiga is used by the Shri Chitrapur Math for running its institutions, temples, salaries of temple staff, providing food to devotees and other religious and charitable causes under the aegis of the institution.</p>
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The trustees have had regard to the guidance on public benefit issued by the Charity Commission.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	None currently devised
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	N/A
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	We rely on members to give their ideas, time and resources in maintaining the charitable functions which is always gratefully received.

Other		

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	<p>The charity once again put on a robust calendar of events that allowed the members of a relatively small diaspora to maintain its community spirit and reminded said members of our shared history and culture. This is useful as it makes it easier to raise funds for charitable initiatives.</p> <p>The charities in the UK and India (primarily the Trussell Trust, Educational and Vocational Centre for the Handicapped and the Saraswat Education Society respectively) benefited from the money we raised at our events, and the Shri Chitrapur Math benefited from our remittances, which it put towards various causes reported to members at subsequent AGMs.</p>

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	We successfully held all the events that were planned together with additional ad hoc events.
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	We achieved our primary goal on increasing Vantiga donations.
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	None presently
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	<p>Our main source of funds in FY2022 has been membership fees, donations and entrance and activity fees for participants in the CSS UK events. We use the entrance fees and general funds to subsidise event costs and hold a small, restricted fund to subsidise future activity costs.</p> <p>Most of the entrance and activity fees is applied to running the events and making donations. With the main costs incurred being cost of activities, food costs and donations.</p> <p>In FY2022, CSS UK collected £9,437 from entrance fees, membership donations for from charity walk, charity hike, Diwali, and Konkarnival events. £8,325 was paid towards running these events and donations to various charitable causes. Giving a small surplus of £1,113 which will be used for future activities.</p> <p>In addition, Vantiga contribution of £10,768 was collected from individual contributors and remitted to the Shri Chitrapur Math, India as Vantiga.</p> <p>We have a net reserve of £10,185 which has been built over several decades of CSS UK.</p>
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	We hold a reserve of £10,185 which is mainly built up over 30 years of CSS UK. These are held for running various activities and subsidising them, maintaining cost of CSS UK and also used for charitable purposes.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£10,185 is our overall surplus but unrestricted in nature.
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	NA
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	NA
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	We do not foresee any such uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	Our main source of funds in FY2022 has been membership fees, donations and entrance and activity fees for participants in the CSS UK events.
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed , royal charter)	Para 1.25	CIO constitution
How is the charity constituted? (e.g. unincorporated association , CIO)	Para 1.25	CIO
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Election at AGM by members on an annual basis

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Chitrapur Saraswat Samaj UK
Other name the charity uses	CSS UK
Registered charity number	1196840
Charity's principal address	1 Heathlands Point, Walpole Close Pinner HA5 4FH

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	Rohit Sthalekar	Chair		
2	Arjun Sajip	Secretary		
3	Shashank Kodical	Treasurer		
4	Aparna Hoskote	Youth coordinator		
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

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Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

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Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	NA
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	NA
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	NA

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

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

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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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Other optional information

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Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	<i>Rohit Sthalekar</i>	
Full name(s)	Rohit Sthalekar	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	
Date	6 June 2025	

Chitrapur Saraswat Samaj UK - Financial Statements
Income and Expenditure Account
For the Year ended 31st December 2022

	<u>2022</u> Unrestricted
	£
<u>INCOME</u>	
Subscriptions and other income	685
Vantiga collections	10,569
Donations - Charity walk	251
Diwali collections	6,877
Events	1,625
Total income	20,006
<u>EXPENDITURE</u>	
Diwali function	5,335
Vantiga donations	10,569
Konkarnival	216
Donations paid	1,175
CSSUK launch	1,396
Depreciation	47
Insurance	372
Total expenditure	19,110
SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR	896
FUNDS, Brought Forward	9,072
FUNDS, Carried Forward	9,968

Chitrapur Saraswat Samaj UK - Financial Statements
Balance Sheet as at 31st December 2022

	<div>2022</div> <div>Unrestricted</div> <div>£</div>
<u>Assets</u>	
Fixed assets	0
Cash at bank	14,880
Cash at bank (Vantiga account)	10,068
Other Debtors	3,100
Total assets	28,048
<u>Liabilities</u>	
Membership fees in advance	-
Vantiga payable to Math	10,068
Creditors	8,012
Total liabilities	18,080
Net assets	9,968
Represented by:-	
Unrestricted Funds	9,968
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Approved by the Managing committee on 24 March 2023

Rohit Sthalekar
Chairperson

Shashank Kodikal
Treasurer

Chitrapur Saraswat Samaj UK - Financial Statements
Notes to the Financial Statements
For the Year ended 31st December 2022

2022

1. Membership Numbers

	<u>No</u>	<u>£</u>
Family Members	42	615
Single person members	7	70
Other income		-
	49	685

2. Bank Balances Summary

Main Current account	14,880
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3. Analysis of (Deficit) / Surplus for the year by nature / event

Membership Fees and other income	685
Diwali and raffles	1,542
Charity walk	-
Konkarnival event	(216)
CSS launch event	(696)
Yugadi Holi event	-
Vantiga donations	-
Surplus for the year (before overheads)	1,315
Other non-event Admin expenses	
Insurance, depreciation, postage and website	(419)
Surplus for the year	896