



CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

## Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 01/01/2023 Period start date To 31/12/2023 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><b>AGM, February 2023</b> Held online and the Committee reported to the Members on the previous year's activities and future plans. The accounts for 2022 were approved. Officers and Trustees were re-elected as necessary.</p> <p><b>Yugadi and Holi March 2023</b> Held at Parmiter's School, Watford to celebrate the Hindu New Year and the Spring Festival.</p> <p><b>Sayujyam Sadhana Panchakam (jointly with Bangalore Sabha) July 2022 – July 2023</b> We were teamed with Bangalore Sabha to engage in prayer meetings; monthly discussions on various moral questions (Vimarsh)</p> <p><b>Jaya Rao</b>, June 2023 Speaker on the Bhagavad Gita gave her annual talk to members of the general public.</p> <p><b>Charity walk</b>, June 2023 A 5km walk that took place in the Regent's Park to raise money for the Ganapathy High School and Pre-University College.</p> <p><b>Annual Youth Hike, Yorkshire Three Peaks</b>, August 2023 – engaging the youth where 24 participants helped raise £3,230</p>

		<p>for the Ganapathy High School and Pre-University College.</p> <p><b>Konkarnival</b>, September 2023: An annual market-stall event in which £234 were raised for two causes: the Trussell Trust (based in the UK) and the Saraswat Education Society (based in India). Each stallholder could choose which of the charities the money went to.</p> <p><b>Musical Recital, October 2023</b>: Arranged jointly with the Gowda Saraswath Samaj, this event showcased Dr Ravindra Katoti on the Harmonium and held at the Maharashtra Mandal Hall, Dollis Hill Lane.</p> <p><b>Diwali, November 2023</b>: 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. It was organised jointly with the Gowda Saraswath Samaj.</p> <p><b>Heritage tour</b> : Organised jointly with the Chitrapur Heritage Foundation (USA), this tour for youngsters to visit India to learn about important landmarks and the history of our community. It was self-financed by the participants.</p> <p><b>Vantiga remittance</b>: £10,243 was remitted for the Indian financial year ending 31/3/2024 to 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	Para 1.38	N/A

including program related investment		
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 put on a robust calendar of events. The highlight was the Heritage Tour for the youngsters. Then events allowed the members of a relatively small diaspora to maintain its community spirit and reminded said members of our shared history and culture.</p> <p>The charities in the UK and India (primarily the Trussell Trust, Ganapathy High School and Pre-University College 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 raised significant funds from the Youth Hike and other events although the Vantiga donations were marginally reduced.
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	None presently

Other		
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## 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 FY2023 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 addition, Vantiga contribution of £10,243 was collected from individual contributors and remitted to the Shri Chitrapur Math, India as Vantiga.</p> <p>We have a net reserve of £10,577 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 £10,577 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	£10,577 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 FY2023 has been membership fees, donations and entrance and activity fees for participants in the CSS UK events.
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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 ( <a href="#">trust deed</a> , <a href="#">royal charter</a> )	Para 1.25	CIO constitution
How is the charity constituted? (e.g <a href="#">unincorporated association</a> , <a href="#">CIO</a> )	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	14 November 2025	

**Chitrapur Saraswat Samaj UK - Financial Statements**  
**Income and Expenditure Account**  
**For the Year ended 31st December 2023**

	<b><u>2023</u></b> <b>Unrestricted</b>	<b><u>2022</u></b> <b>Unrestricted</b>
	£	£
<b><u>INCOME</u></b>		
Subscriptions and other income	645	685
Vantiga collections	10,243	10,569
Donations - Charity walk	445	251
Diwali collections	3,751	6,877
Events (23: Yugadi/Holi, Konkarnival, Hike)	6,583	1,625
<b>Total income</b>	<b>21,667</b>	<b>20,006</b>
<b><u>EXPENDITURE</u></b>		
Diwali function	3,040	5,335
Vantiga donations	10,243	10,569
Konkarnival	234	216
Donations paid	3,545	1,175
CSSUK launch	-	1,396
Yugadi holi event	394	-
Youth activities (hike)	3,230	-
Depreciation	-	47
Insurance	372	372
<b>Total expenditure</b>	<b>21,058</b>	<b>19,110</b>
<b>SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR</b>	<b>609</b>	<b>896</b>
FUNDS, Brought Forward	9,968	9,072
<b>FUNDS, Carried Forward</b>	<b>10,577</b>	<b>9,968</b>

**Chitrapur Saraswat Samaj UK - Financial Statements**  
**Balance Sheet as at 31st December 2023**

	<b><u>2023</u></b>	<b><u>2022</u></b>
	<b>Unrestricted</b>	<b>Unrestricted</b>
	£	£
<b><u>Assets</u></b>		
Fixed assets	0	0
Cash at bank	24,534	14,880
Cash at bank (Vantiga account)	1,469	10,068
Other Debtors	442	3,100
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>26,445</b>	<b>28,048</b>
<b><u>Liabilities</u></b>		
Membership fees in advance	-	-
Vantiga payable to Math	1,469	10,068
Creditors	14,399	8,012
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>15,868</b>	<b>18,080</b>
<b>Net assets</b>	<b>10,577</b>	<b>9,968</b>
<b>Represented by:-</b>		
Unrestricted Funds	10,577	9,968
	<b>10,577</b>	<b>9,968</b>

Approved by the Managing committee on 24 March 2024

**Rohit Sthalekar**  
**Chairperson**

**Shashank Kodikal**  
**Treasurer**

**Chitrapur Saraswat Samaj UK - Financial Statements**  
**Notes to the Financial Statements**  
**For the Year ended 31st December 2023**

	<b>2023</b>		<b>2022</b>	
<b>1. Membership Numbers</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>£</b>
Family Members	41	585	42	615
Single person members	6	60	7	70
Other income		-		-
	<b>47</b>	<b>645</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>685</b>
<b>2. Bank Balances Summary</b>				
Main Current account		<b>24,534</b>		14,880
<b>3. Analysis of (Deficit) / Surplus for the year by nature / event</b>				
Membership Fees and other income		645		685
Diwali and raffles		711		1,542
Charity walk		-		-
Konkarnival event		(234)		(216)
CSS launch event		-		(696)
Youth hike		(0)		-
Heritage tour (Shibir)		-		-
Yugadi Holi event		(141)		-
Vantiga donations		-		-
<b>Surplus for the year (before overheads)</b>		<b>981</b>		<b>1,315</b>
Other non-event Admin expenses				
Insurance, depreciation, postage and website		(372)		(419)
<b>Surplus for the year</b>		<b>609</b>		<b>896</b>