



CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

## Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 01/01/2024 Period start date To 31/12/2024 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>Sampark No 8 , January 2024</b> An online meeting of all the primary trustees and officers of the various worldwide groups co-ordinated by the Shri Chitrapur Math. This includes a talk by our Swamiji.</p> <p><b>Abhivyakti &amp; Vimarsh, on a Monthly basis from January 2024</b> On-line discussion on religious texts from the Bhagavad Gita and general moral principles.</p> <p><b>Yugadi and Holi April 2024</b> Held at Parmiter's School, Watford to celebrate the Hindu New Year and the Spring Festival.</p> <p><b>Jaya Row</b>, June 2024 Speaker on the Bhagavad Gita gave her annual talk to members of the general public.</p> <p><b>Charity walk</b>, June 2024 A 5km walk that took place in the Richmond Park to raise money for the Refugee Community Kitchen.</p> <p><b>Konkarnival</b>, July 2024: An annual market-stall event raising funds for the Trussell Trust (based in the UK) and the Saraswat Education Society (based in India).</p> <p><b>Sports Day</b>, September 2024: At Richmond Park, members gathered to participate in a</p>

		<p>cricket match and picnic.</p> <p><b>Diwali, November 2024:</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>Vantiga remittance:</b> £11,047 was remitted for the Indian financial year ending 31/3/2025 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 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	
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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 its regular calendar of events. The 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, Refugee Community Kitchen) 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>
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### 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 funds from our regular activities, including a special fund raiser for the Shri Chitrapur Math to celebrate 25 years, and other events. The Vantiga donations were increased with greater emphasis placed on monthly 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 FY2024 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 £11,047 was collected from individual contributors</p>
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		<p>and remitted to the Shri Chitrapur Math, India as Vantiga.</p> <p>We have a net reserve of £10,180 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 £10,180 which is mainly built up over 30 years of CSS UK. These are held for running various activities and subsidising them and used for charitable donations.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£10,180 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 FY2024 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	17 January 2026	



**Chitrapur Saraswat Samaj UK - Financial Statements**  
**Income and Expenditure Account**  
**For the Year ended 31st December 2024**

	<b><u>2024</u></b> <b>Unrestricted</b>	<b><u>2023</u></b> <b>Unrestricted</b>
	£	£
<b><u>INCOME</u></b>		
Subscriptions and other income	735	645
Vantiga collections	11,047	10,243
Donations - Charity walk	95	445
Diwali collections	2,388	3,751
Events (23: Yugadi/Holi, Konkarnival, Hike)	1,679	6,583
<b>Total income</b>	<b>15,944</b>	<b>21,667</b>
<b><u>EXPENDITURE</u></b>		
Diwali function	3,091	3,040
Vantiga payments	11,047	10,243
Konkarnival	195	234
Donations paid	1,424	3,545
Yugadi holi event	183	394
Youth activities (hike)	-	3,230
Insurance	401	372
<b>Total expenditure</b>	<b>16,341</b>	<b>21,058</b>
<b>DEFICIT / SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR</b>	<b>(397)</b>	<b>609</b>
FUNDS, Brought Forward	10,577	9,968
<b>FUNDS, Carried Forward</b>	<b>10,180</b>	<b>10,577</b>

**Chitrapur Saraswat Samaj UK - Financial Statements**  
**Balance Sheet as at 31st December 2024**

	<b><u>2024</u></b> <b>Unrestricted</b>	<b><u>2023</u></b> <b>Unrestricted</b>
	£	£
<b><u>Assets</u></b>		
Fixed assets	0	0
Cash at bank	14,523	24,534
Cash at bank (Vantiga account)	7,894	1,469
Other Debtors	1,100	442
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>23,517</b>	<b>26,445</b>
<b><u>Liabilities</u></b>		
Vantiga payable to math	7,894	1,469
Creditors	5,443	14,399
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>13,337</b>	<b>15,868</b>
<b>Net assets</b>	<b>10,180</b>	<b>10,577</b>
<b>Represented by:-</b>		
Unrestricted Funds	10,180	10,577
	<b>10,180</b>	<b>10,577</b>

Approved by the Managing committee on 30 October 2025

**Rohit Sthalekar**  
**Chairperson**

**Shashank Kodikal**  
**Treasurer**

**Chitrapur Saraswat Samaj UK - Financial Statements**  
**Notes to the Financial Statements**  
**For the Year ended 31st December 2024**

	<b>2024</b>		<b>2023</b>	
<b>1. Membership Numbers</b>				
	<b>No</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>£</b>
Family Members	45	675	41	585
Single person members	6	60	6	60
Other income		-		-
	<b>51</b>	<b>735</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>645</b>
<b>2. Bank Balances Summary</b>				
Main Current account		<b>14,523</b>		24,534
<b>3. Analysis of (Deficit) / Surplus for the year by nature / event</b>				
Membership Fees and other income		735		645
Diwali and raffles		(703)		711
Charity walk		-		-
Konkarnival event		(195)		(234)
Youth hike		-		-
Yugadi Holi event		167		(141)
Vantiga		-		-
<b>Surplus for the year (before overheads)</b>		<b>4</b>		<b>981</b>
Other non-event Admin expenses				
Insurance, depreciation, postage and website		(401)		(372)
<b>(Deficit) / Surplus for the year</b>		<b>(397)</b>		<b>609</b>