

# STOKE HINDU SAMAJAM

England & Wales · Charity number 1197646

## Details

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**Other names** SHS

**Status** Registered

**Legal form** CIO

**Registered** 2022-01-25

**Register** [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

## Contact

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## Activities

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**Objects:** THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE HINDU RELIGION FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT IN STOKE ON TRENT THROUGH THE PROVISION OF RELIGIOUS AND COMMUNITY SERVICES, IN PARTICULAR BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY BY:1. ORGANISING EVENTS AND PROGRAMS TO BUILD RELATIONS THROUGH INDIAN KERALA CULTURE AND ARTS, YOGA AND MEDITATION PROJECTS2. ADVANCING THE CULTURE AND HERITAGE OF THE HINDU WAY OF LIFE BY EDUCATING PUBLIC IN INDIAN LANGUAGES, YOGA, AND INDIAN FESTIVALS3. EDUCATING THE COMMUNITY IN BASIC CONCEPT OF THE VARIOUS SCHOOLS OF HINDU PHILOSOPHY AND THE PRIME VALUES OF THE HINDU WAY OF LIFE.

**Activities:** SHS is a non-profit voluntary organisation dedicated to the principles of Hindu Dharma. We organize religious and cultural functions, which includes a celebration of festivals, lectures, music and dance performances by distinguished visitors and members of the local community on a regular basis to give our children and adults many opportunities to have a glimpse of the Hindu culture.

## Classification

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- **How:** Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Human Rights/religious Or Racial Harmony/equality Or Diversity
- **Who:** Children/young People, People Of A Particular Ethnic Or Racial Origin, The General Public/mankind

## Geography

- Throughout England

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-09-14	£5,230	£3,870	-	-
2023-09-14	£3,637	£3,323	-	-
2022-09-14	£2,392	£500	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
<b>Reghuraman Melathil</b>	Chair	2025-09-07
Binumon Neelakandan		2022-01-25
RAJEEV VAVA		2022-01-25
Rajalakshmi Rajan		2025-09-07
Rajeshwari Saiju		2022-01-25
Reghunath Rajan		2022-01-25
Sreejith Somasekharan Nair		2025-09-07

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Stoke Hindu Samajam  
Trustees' Annual Report  
For the Financial Year September 2023 – August 2024

### Introduction

The Trustees of Stoke Hindu Samajam (SHS) are pleased to present the annual report for the financial year ending August 2024. This report outlines our ongoing commitment to promoting community cohesion, preserving cultural heritage, supporting educational initiatives, and providing charitable assistance to individuals and families in need.

Throughout the year, SHS has continued to be a cornerstone of cultural and spiritual enrichment for the Hindu community in Stoke-on-Trent and surrounding areas.

### Key Activities and Achievements

#### 1. Vishu Celebration – 14th April 2024

SHS successfully hosted the Vishu festival, an important South Indian harvest celebration, on 14th April 2024. This event was widely publicised via social media platforms and drew an attendance of approximately 100 participants. Children took part in a range of classical and cultural performances, demonstrating their talents developed through SHS's educational activities. To honour their efforts, awards and trophies were presented, encouraging continued engagement and excellence in cultural expression.

#### 2. Educational and Cultural Classes for Children

SHS continued its commitment to youth education by offering regular classes in:

Indian regional languages

Traditional music and dance

Hindu Dharma and values

These programmes play a vital role in nurturing the next generation with knowledge of their cultural and spiritual heritage.

#### 3. School Outreach Initiatives

In response to invitations from local educational institutions, SHS volunteers visited schools to deliver interactive sessions on Hinduism, supporting the Religious Education curriculum. These sessions have helped foster better understanding and respect for Hindu beliefs among students from diverse backgrounds.

#### 4. Chenda Drumming Classes and Performances

Regular Chenda (traditional South Indian drum) classes were conducted for both children and adults. These sessions not only provide musical training but also promote physical coordination and cultural pride.

A notable milestone was the SHS Chenda Melam performance during the Diwali celebrations at The Potteries, in partnership with Stoke-on-Trent City Council—a proud moment for the community and a demonstration of cultural vibrancy.

#### 5. Community Support and Charity Collaborations

SHS has actively collaborated with other charitable organisations to assist vulnerable individuals, including adults and children facing hardship. On several occasions, SHS coordinated the preparation and distribution of free cooked meals, ensuring basic support to those in need, particularly during times of personal or financial difficulty.

#### 6. Onam Celebration

SHS organised a grand celebration of Onam, one of the most important festivals for the Malayali community. This event featured traditional music, dance, and the festive Onasadya (grand vegetarian feast). The celebration served not only to honour tradition but also to strengthen communal bonds and foster a sense of shared identity and joy among participants.

#### Conclusion

The Trustees of Stoke Hindu Samajam remain deeply committed to their mission of promoting spiritual wellbeing, cultural education, and community service. The 2023–2024 financial year saw the successful continuation of key programmes, increased community engagement, and strengthened partnerships with local schools and charities.

As we look ahead to the coming year, SHS will continue to explore new avenues to serve the community with dedication, compassion, and cultural pride.

## SHS Balance Sheet September 2023-2024

Date	Description	Income	Expense
15/09/23	OPENING BALANCE	£285.17	
15/09/23 – 14/09/24	Contributions	£5230.38	
19/10/23	Reghuram Solicitor Fee		£1695
20/10/23	Rajeev (Goods and Services Provided)		£307
13/12/23	Hanley Temple Hall Rent		£65
29/01/24	Hanley Temple Ayappa Pooja		£528.40
07/02/24	Reghuram Ayappa Pooja Expenses		£525.34
19/04/24	Copeland Bus Tour		£750
15/09/24	CLOSING BALANCE	£5515.55	£3870

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## Trustees' Annual Report 2023:

Throughout the financial year, Stoke Hindu Samajam (SHS) has been dedicated to fostering community spirit, preserving cultural heritage, and providing support to those in need. Our activities for the year are detailed below:

### Vishu Celebration (16/04/2023):

SHS hosted the Vishu celebration, a significant harvest festival in South India, on 14th April 2022. The event was widely promoted through social media, and approximately 80 participants joined us. During the celebration, children had the opportunity to learn and perform various cultural and classical programmes, showcasing their newly acquired talents. To encourage and recognise their efforts, awards and trophies were presented to the participating children.

### Educational Classes for Children:

SHS continued to offer educational classes for children, focusing on Indian regional languages, cultural music, dance, and Hindu Dharma. These classes aim to preserve and pass on our rich cultural heritage to the next generation.

### School Outreach Programmes:

Our volunteers have been actively visiting local schools upon request to teach Hinduism as part of the school curriculum. This initiative helps promote understanding and appreciation of Hindu culture and beliefs among young students.

### Chenda Classes and Performances:

SHS has been organising regular classes for those interested in learning the "Chenda" (a traditional Indian drum). These sessions have been enjoyed by both adults and children alike. A notable highlight was the SHS "Chenda Melam" performance during the Diwali Celebration at the Potteries, an event supported by Stoke-on-Trent Council.

### Collaboration with Other Charities:

SHS has collaborated with various charity organisations to support vulnerable adults and children in our community. We have provided free cooked meals on several occasions, ensuring that those in need receive care and assistance.

### Onam Celebration:

Onam, a significant festival celebrated by the Malayali community, is an especially joyous time for SHS. The festival marks a time for family gatherings, and SHS organises traditional festivities that include a grand feast known as "Onasadya." This celebration not only brings families together but also provides an opportunity for our community members to share the joy of the festival, reinforcing our cultural ties and fostering a sense of belonging.

In summary, SHS remains committed to promoting cultural awareness, supporting educational initiatives, and extending a helping hand to those in need. We look forward to continuing our work in the community in the coming year.

SHS Account Balance Sheet.

Date	Description	Income	Expense
15/09/22	OPENING BALANCE	£1892	
15/09/22 -14/09/23	Contributions and Grands	£1745	
29/12/22	H.C.S Temple premises use		£144
08/01/23	Onam Grocery purchase		£725
08/01/23	Cheque-To litter picking		£500
24/01/23	Derby Temple Gift		£111
26/01/23	H.C.S Temple Cheque		£375
29/01/23	Holy Trinity Hall Booking		£75
24/07/23	Universal Foods Grocery purchase (Ayappa Pooja)		£282.83
01/09/23	J.S Trophy's Purchase		£122
02/09/23	Gurudwara Cooking		£150
05/09/23	Whitmore Hall Booking		£200
20/09/23	Universal Foods Grocery Purchase		£639.02
30/09/23	CLOSING BALANCE	£285.17	

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## **Annual Report for charity submission for Stoke Hindu Samajam**

SHS's opening balance for the financial period 25/01/22 to 09/22 is £2392.35.

### **The Trustees' annual report**

SHS had conducted a few charity activities as detailed below,

- 1) SHS conducted Vishu Celebration, which is a cultural harvest celebration in South India, on 14/4/2022. The celebration invitation was sent out on social media for public information and there were around 80 people participated in the event. SHS supported children to learn some of the cultural classical programs and they were able to showcase their newly learned talent on the day. Awards and trophies were given to children as a gesture of appreciation.
- 2) SHS continued with kids' classes for teaching them Indian regional languages, Indian cultural music, and dances along with Hindu Dharma.
- 3) SHS volunteers are continuing to visit schools on request to teach Hinduism as part of the school curriculum.
- 4) SHS is supporting people who are interested in learning "Chenda" (Drum) by arranging classes on a regular basis. Both adults and children are enjoying these sessions. SHS "Chenda Melam" (percussion using chenda) was one of the highlights of the Diwali Celebration conducted at Potteries, arranged with the support of Stoke On Trent Council.
- 5) SHS has worked hand in hand with other charity organisations and helped vulnerable adults and children by providing free cooked food on a few occasions.

## SHS Balance sheet

Date		Income	Expense
January 2022	Opening Balance	£ 2392.00	
14/04/2022	The expense for Vishu (cultural harvest festival)		£500
September 2022	Closing Balance	£1892.00	