

Apna Heritage

England & Wales · Charity number 1199954

Details

Other names	MIRPUR HERITAGE
Status	Registered
Legal form	CIO
Registered	2022-08-03
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

Contact

Address	540 Manchester Road Bradford BD5 7LR
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Activities

Objects: (1) For the public benefit, to promote the arts, culture, and heritage of the Mirpur region and surroundings, including but not limited to Kotli, Bhimber, Rajouri, Poonch, the Pothohar Plateau, Jammu & Kashmir, and northern Pakistan.(2) To advance the education of the public in all aspects of the arts, culture, and heritage of the aforementioned region(s), including language, literature, and genealogy, by:(A) Conducting research into the arts, culture, and heritage of the specified region(s) and ensuring the dissemination of useful results to the public.(B) Creating and maintaining a digital heritage archive encompassing the diverse cultural heritage of the specified region(s).

Activities: Apna Heritage promotes and advances the education of the public in all aspects of the arts, culture and heritage (such as language, literature, and genealogy) of the Mirpur region and surroundings including the Pothohar Plateau, Jammu & Kashmir, and northern Pakistan. The CIO does this in particular by conducting research, disseminating it to the public, and by creating a digital heritage archive.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Sponsors Or Undertakes Research, Acts As An Umbrella Or Resource Body
- **What:** Education/training, Disability, Arts/culture/heritage/science, Economic/community Development/employment
- **Who:** Elderly/old People, People Of A Particular Ethnic Or Racial Origin, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Throughout England And Wales

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-06-30	£500	£3,355	-	-
2024-06-30	£7,000	£3,795	-	-
2023-06-30	£0	£0	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Awais Hussain	Chair	2022-07-20
Arslaan Mahmood LLB MSc		2022-07-20
Mohammed Arshad		2022-07-20

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Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	1	July	2024		30	June	2025

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name Apna Heritage

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any) 1199954

Charity's principal address 540 Manchester Road

Bradford

Postcode BD5 7LR

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	Awais Hussain			
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

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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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Constitution
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO)
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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.

Apna Heritage is a volunteer-led organisation governed by a board of trustees who meet regularly to oversee the charity's strategic direction, financial management, and delivery of its charitable objectives. During this reporting period, the trustees continued to maintain strong governance practices, including regular meetings, clear delegation of responsibilities, and open communication across the organisation. Activities such as archive development, oral history collection, and community engagement are led by volunteers under trustee oversight. The trustees actively monitor risks, particularly in relation to data protection, safeguarding of community-contributed materials, and financial management. Appropriate systems and procedures are in place to mitigate these risks. During the year, the charity also strengthened its external engagement through participation in heritage sector development programmes, enabling improved governance, skills development, and partnership working.

Section C Objectives and activities

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

Apna Heritage exists to promote and advance public education on the arts, culture, and heritage of communities originating from the Mirpur region, Pothohar Plateau, Jammu & Kashmir, and northern Pakistan. This includes the research, preservation, and celebration of language, literature, customs, genealogy, and historical experiences, particularly in the context of migration to the UK and the wider diaspora. The charity achieves these aims through:

- Promotion: Raising awareness of cultural heritage and contributions

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)

- Education: Collecting, preserving, digitising, and sharing heritage materials
- Community Engagement: Facilitating intergenerational dialogue and learning

These objectives are delivered with a commitment to inclusivity, accessibility, and public benefit.

This year, Apna Heritage delivered a range of activities aligned with its charitable objectives.

1. Continued Delivery of Apna Bradford Project

The charity continued delivery of its flagship project, Apna Bradford, focusing on collecting oral histories, digitising family archives, and documenting the lived experiences of South Asian communities in Bradford.

2. Expansion of Digital Archive

The charity expanded its digital archive through the collection and preservation of photographs, documents, and oral testimonies contributed by community members. This work ensures that underrepresented histories are preserved and accessible for future generations.

3. Website and Digital Infrastructure Development

Further development of the charity's website enabled improved organisation and accessibility of research materials, including sections on language, genealogy, literature, migration, and cultural traditions.

4. Participation in Bradford 2025 Heritage Skills Programme (Elevate Cohort)

Apna Heritage was selected to take part in the Bradford 2025 Heritage Skills Programme (Elevate cohort). Through this programme, trustees and volunteers participated in workshops, training, and networking opportunities with other heritage organisations. This significantly strengthened the charity's skills, knowledge, and organisational capacity.

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.

Section D

Achievements and performance

Section D

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

During this reporting period, Apna Heritage continued to grow as a community-led heritage organisation, delivering meaningful public benefit through education, preservation, and engagement.

1. Continued Development of Apna Bradford Project

The project continued to capture valuable oral histories and community narratives, contributing to a growing body of knowledge about South Asian heritage in Bradford.

2. Growth of Digital Archive

The charity made significant progress in building a structured digital archive, ensuring long-term preservation and public accessibility of heritage materials.

3. Strengthened Online Presence

Enhancements to the charity's website and digital platforms have improved accessibility and engagement, allowing wider audiences to benefit from its work.

4. Community Engagement and Participation

The charity continued to engage community members across generations, fostering a sense of shared identity and encouraging contributions to heritage preservation.

5. Selection for Bradford 2025 Elevate Programme

A key achievement this year was the charity's selection into the Bradford 2025 Heritage Skills Programme (Elevate cohort). This recognition reflects the growing impact and credibility of Apna Heritage within the heritage sector. Participation has enhanced organisational capacity, governance, and partnership opportunities.

Overall, the charity has continued to make meaningful progress in addressing the underrepresentation of its communities in mainstream heritage narratives while creating accessible and inclusive educational resources.

Section E Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

Apna Heritage is a developing organisation and continues to refine its approach to financial management. The charity aims to maintain sufficient reserves to cover essential costs and ensure continuity of operations.
During this reporting period, reserves were intentionally utilised to support the delivery of charitable activities and project commitments.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

During the year, the charity's expenditure exceeded its income. This reflects a planned and appropriate use of funds previously received through grant funding.
The trustees drew down reserves from the prior year's funding to enable continued delivery of the Apna Bradford project and related activities. This approach ensured that funds were used effectively for their intended charitable purposes.
The trustees are satisfied that this does not represent financial concern but rather the normal delivery cycle of grant-funded work.

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.

The charity's primary source of income continues to be grant funding. During this reporting period, expenditure increased as the organisation progressed into active delivery of its projects. Costs included oral history work, digitisation, and website development.
As a result, the charity spent more than it received during the year, drawing on funds carried forward from the previous period.
All expenditure has been directly aligned with the charity's objectives of education, heritage preservation, and public benefit.
The trustees continue to monitor financial sustainability closely and are actively seeking new funding opportunities to support future activities.

Section F Other optional information

Apna Heritage aims to build on its progress by expanding its archive, increasing public engagement, and strengthening partnerships, especially with those organisations introduced through the Elevate Programme. Future priorities include:

- Securing new funding for further heritage projects
- Expanding the digital archive and research outputs
- Developing exhibitions, events, and educational resources
- Building partnerships with heritage organisations
- Engaging younger generations in heritage preservation

The charity will build on the skills, knowledge, and networks gained through the Bradford 2025 Heritage Skills Programme.

Section G Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	Awais Hussain	Mohammed Arshad
Full name(s)	Awais Hussain	Mohammed Arshad

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	
Date	27 April 2026	



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name
Apna Heritage

No (if any)
1199954

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date 01-Jul-24	To	Period end date 30-Jun-25
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Donation	200	-	-	200	-
Bradford City of Culture (Instalment 1)		150	-	150	-
Bradford City of Culture (Instalment 2)		150	-	150	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	200	300	-	500	-
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	200	300	-	500	-
A3 Payments					
Website Development	1,980	-	-	1,980	-
Archival Research and Transcription	475	-	-	475	-
Community Research	300	-	-	300	-
Videography (Oral History)	600	-	-	600	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	3,355	-	-	3,355	-
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	3,355	-	-	3,355	-
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 3,155	300	-	- 2,855	-
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	3,205	-	-	3,205	-
Cash funds this year end	50	300	-	350	-

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds		-	-	-
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	Total cash funds	-	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	Agreement Error	Agreement Error	OK
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
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		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets			-	-
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			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
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B5 Liabilities			-	
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Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
	Awais Hussain	AWAIS HUSSAIN	27-Apr-26	
	Mohammed Arshad	MOHAMMED ARSHAD	27-Apr-26	

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Trustees' Annual Report for the period

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The policies and procedures outlined in our previous report remain in effect. In our second year, Apna Heritage continued to maintain high standards of governance through regular strategic meetings and open communication among volunteers and trustees. The organisational structure remains volunteer-led, with trustees delegating specific activities such as archive development, oral history coordination, and community engagement. The Board continues to assess risks, particularly in relation to data protection and volunteer management, and ensures that appropriate measures are in place to safeguard the charity's operations and objectives.

Section C Objectives and activities

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

Apna Heritage exists to promote and advance public education on the arts, culture, and heritage of communities originating from the broader Mirpur region, Pothohar Plateau, Jammu & Kashmir, and northern Pakistan. This includes, but is not limited to, research, preservation, and celebration of the language, literature, customs, genealogy, and historical experiences of these communities, particularly in the context of migration to the UK and the wider diaspora.

The charity achieves these aims through:

- Promotion – Raising awareness and appreciation of the region's arts, traditions, and cultural contributions, both past and present.
- Education – Advancing public knowledge by collecting, preserving, digitising, and sharing oral histories, photographs, documents, and other cultural artefacts.
- Community Engagement – Facilitating intergenerational learning and dialogue around shared heritage, identity, and family histories.

These objectives remain rooted in our commitment to inclusivity, accessibility, and public benefit, ensuring the voices and experiences of underrepresented communities are preserved and heard.

In our second year, Apna Heritage undertook a number of significant activities that directly contributed to its charitable aims of promoting and educating the public about the arts, culture, and heritage of the Mirpur region and surrounding areas. These activities were delivered with full regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

Our key activities comprise of the following:

1. First Funded Project – Apna Bradford:

Apna Heritage was selected as part of the LEAP Pioneer Programme and received its first formal funding. This enabled the charity to launch its flagship project, Apna Bradford, which involved collecting oral histories, digitising family records, and recording stories from elders in Bradford's South Asian community. The project captured a vital and often underrepresented narrative of South Asian life in Bradford, especially those with roots in the Mirpur and Pothohar regions.

2. Archive Development:

Significant progress was made in expanding our digital heritage archive. Volunteers continued gathering historical records, photographs, documents, and oral testimonies to preserve for future generations. The work involved both direct community engagement and outreach to families with heritage links to the region.

3. Website and Research Infrastructure:

The charity developed and structured its official website, creating dedicated sections to organise research into topics such as language, genealogy, literature, culture, and migration. This marks a major step in making our work accessible to the wider public and supporting independent learning and community research.

4. Social Media and Public Engagement:

Apna Heritage launched its official social media platforms to raise awareness, share insights from our research, and engage with a broader audience. These platforms have been instrumental in building community connections, encouraging contributions to the archive, and showcasing cultural content.

5. Public Presentation and Archive Launch at the JAAG Festival:

On 22 June 2024, Apna Heritage took part in the second JAAG Festival — the UK's only Punjabi and Pahari-Pothwari literary festival — where we formally introduced the digital archive and premiered our short Apna Bradford film. This public engagement helped raise awareness and pride

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)

in our shared heritage and opened up wider participation in our mission.

Statutory Declaration:

The trustees of Apna Heritage confirm that they have had due regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit in planning and delivering all activities outlined above.

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.

As a developing charity, our focus remains on direct community engagement and the creation of our own educational and archival resources.

Contribution Made by Volunteers:

Volunteers continue to play a vital role in the success of Apna Heritage. Their commitment and enthusiasm have been central to the progress made during our second year. Key volunteer contributions include:

- Oral History Collection: Conducting and transcribing interviews with elders and community members to preserve memories and narratives that might otherwise be lost.
- Digitisation Work: Scanning photographs, family documents, and artefacts contributed by local residents as part of our growing archive.
- Website Development: Assisting with content planning and structuring the digital archive and learning sections of the website.
- Social Media and Outreach: Creating engaging posts, managing community interaction, and spreading awareness of our mission.
- Event Support and Research: Supporting the planning and delivery of public events, talks, and film launches; and contributing to research and content creation across our thematic areas.

Volunteers bring with them a wide range of skills—from language and heritage knowledge to tech and storytelling—and their contributions are

central to achieving our charitable objectives. Apna Heritage remains deeply grateful for their time, passion, and dedication.

Section D

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

In our second year, Apna Heritage made substantial progress in fulfilling our charitable objectives of promoting and advancing public education on the arts, culture, and heritage of communities from the Mirpur region, Pothohar Plateau, Jammu & Kashmir, and northern Pakistan. Every activity undertaken was designed to maximise public benefit, particularly through the preservation and sharing of underrepresented histories and cultural knowledge.

1. Launch of Our First Funded Project – Apna Bradford

A major milestone this year was the successful delivery of Apna Bradford, Apna Heritage's first formally funded project, made possible through the LEAP Pioneer Programme. This initiative captured the stories, memories, and experiences of South Asian communities in Bradford with heritage links to the Mirpur region. Through oral history interviews, the digitisation of family artefacts, and intergenerational storytelling, Apna Bradford contributed significantly to public understanding and community cohesion. The project has also laid a strong foundation for future research and educational work.

2. Digital Archive Development and Public Accessibility

We made significant strides in developing a structured digital archive to house and share community-contributed materials. The organisation gathered and digitised a growing collection of photographs, documents, and family records, ensuring that these cultural assets are preserved for future generations. These efforts not only protect heritage but also democratise access to knowledge and identity for diaspora communities.

3. Establishment of an Online Presence

This year saw the development of Apna Heritage's website and social media platforms. These channels play a crucial role in reaching wider audiences, sharing resources, and fostering engagement with heritage education. The website includes sections on language, literature, genealogy, oral history, and cultural practices — all carefully designed to support self-directed learning and community research.

4. Community Engagement and Public Education

In June 2024, Apna Heritage participated in the JAAG Festival, the UK's first Punjabi and Pahari-Pothwari literary event, where we launched our archive and premiered two original films. These films, created as part of the Apna Bradford project, brought heritage to life and encouraged dialogue across generations. The presentation showcased the charity's commitment to cultural education, public benefit, and inclusive storytelling.

5. Volunteer-Led Impact

All achievements this year were driven by a growing team of passionate volunteers. Their contributions in collecting oral histories, supporting archive work, and developing content exemplify community ownership and grassroots heritage work in action.

Through these accomplishments, Apna Heritage has made meaningful contributions to public knowledge, cultural preservation, and social connection. Our work continues to address the historic underrepresentation of our communities in mainstream heritage narratives while creating inclusive spaces where people can explore and take pride in their shared past.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

Apna Heritage is a growing organisation and, as such, is continuing to develop a formal reserves policy. The charity aims to hold sufficient unrestricted funds to cover essential costs and ensure continuity of operations during periods of uncertainty. As activities expand and recurring income streams are established, a reserves policy will be reviewed and adopted by the trustees to ensure long-term financial sustainability and risk mitigation.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

There were no funds materially in deficit during the reporting period. The charity continues to monitor its finances closely and maintain responsible stewardship of its income and expenditure.

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.

This year, Apna Heritage received its first grant funding through the LEAP Pioneer Programme, which supported the delivery of our Apna Bradford project. This funding has been the principal source of income for the year. We have also benefited from ongoing volunteer support, which has allowed the charity to deliver high-impact activities with minimal overhead costs.

The expenditure during this period has been primarily directed toward the Apna Bradford project and the Apna Heritage website and archive. This includes costs associated with oral history interviews, digitisation of materials, community engagement, and the production of original heritage films. All expenditure aligns closely with the charity's objectives of education, heritage preservation, and public benefit. As of 30 June 2024, £3,205 remains from the awarded funding. These funds are earmarked for the completion and final reporting phase of the Apna Bradford project, including further archive development and dissemination activities

Section F

Other optional information

Growth and Future Plans

As Apna Heritage enters its third year, the charity is committed to expanding its impact through deeper community partnerships, further development of its digital archive, and additional educational programming. Plans are underway to seek new funding opportunities and explore collaborative projects that reflect the diverse heritage of communities from the Mirpur region, Pothohar Plateau, Jammu & Kashmir, and Northern Pakistan.

Community Involvement and Gratitude

The success of Apna Heritage continues to be rooted in community involvement. From elders sharing their stories to younger volunteers helping digitise family records, our work is powered by a collective commitment to heritage preservation. The trustees would like to extend sincere thanks to all those who have contributed their time, stories, materials, and expertise.

Commitment to Inclusion

Apna Heritage remains committed to inclusivity and representation. We actively seek to document experiences across generations, castes, languages, and migration journeys to ensure that our archive reflects the full richness of our communities across the UK.

Feedback and Participation

The charity welcomes feedback and contributions from the public. Anyone interested in sharing their family history, photographs, or memories is encouraged to get in touch via our website or social media platforms.

Section GDeclaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity’s trustees

Signature(s)	AWAIS HUSSAIN
Full name(s)	Awais Hussain
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair

Date

15 Apr 2025



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

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Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

Period start date
1-Jul-23

To

Period end date
30-Jun-24

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
The Leap - Pioneer Award (A)	-	3,500	-	3,500	-
The Leap - Pioneer Award (B)	-	3,500	-	3,500	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	-	7,000	-	7,000	-
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	-	7,000	-	7,000	-
A3 Payments					
Website Development	-	1,890	-	1,890	-
Logo Design	-	105	-	105	-
Archival Research	-	400	-	400	-
Oral History	-	500	-	500	-
Videography	-	900	-	900	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	3,795	-	3,795	-
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	-	3,795	-	3,795	-
Net of receipts/(payments)	-	3,205	-	3,205	-
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	-	-	-	-
Cash funds this year end	-	3,205	-	3,205	-

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Remainder of The Leap Pioneer Award	-	3,205	-
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		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	-	3,205	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	-	-	-
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		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
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			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
	Awais Hussain	AWAIS HUSSAIN	15-Apr-25	
	Mohammed Arshad	MOHAMMED ARSHAD	15-Apr-25	

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Trustees' Annual Report for the period

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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

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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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document
(eg. trust deed, constitution)

Constitution

How the charity is constituted
(eg. trust, association, company)

Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO)

Trustee selection methods
(eg. appointed by, elected by)

Appointed by existing trustees

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.

Apna Heritage is committed to ensuring a strong and knowledgeable board. New trustees undergo an induction process that includes:

- **Review of Governing Documents:** Familiarisation with the CIO's constitution and relevant charity regulations.
- **Mission and Objectives:** In-depth discussion of Apna Heritage's mission, objectives, and current activities.
- **Financial Oversight:** Introduction to the CIO's financial management practices and reporting procedures.
- **Role and Responsibilities:** Clear understanding of individual and collective responsibilities of trustees.

Additionally, Apna Heritage encourages ongoing learning for trustees through:

- **Attendance at relevant workshops and conferences** related to nonprofit governance, cultural heritage preservation, and digital archiving.
- **Sharing best practices** through regular board meetings and discussions.

Apna Heritage operates with a Board of Trustees who govern the organisation and set strategic direction. The Board delegates day-to-day operations to a team of volunteers with expertise in relevant areas, such as research, archiving, and public engagement.

Apna Heritage actively seeks collaboration with other organisations that share its mission. This includes:

- **Cultural institutions** such as museums, libraries, and universities.
- **Genealogy societies**, especially those with experience of researching South-Asian communities and ethnic minority groups.
- **Community organisations** representing the cultural heritage of the region.

These partnerships will allow Apna Heritage to share resources, leverage

expertise, and reach a wider audience. Apna Heritage strives to maintain transparent and ethical relationships with all parties. The organisation has a conflict-of-interest policy in place to ensure that any potential conflicts are identified and managed appropriately. The Board of Trustees regularly assesses potential risks that could hinder the charity's ability to achieve its objectives. Some key areas of focus include: • Data Security: Protecting the integrity and confidentiality of any information gathered. • Project Management: Ensuring efficient execution of research and public engagement initiatives. To mitigate these risks, Apna Heritage has implemented the following measures: • Robust Cybersecurity Practices: Maintaining appropriate data security protocols and volunteer training. • Project Planning and Monitoring: Developing clear project guidelines, timelines, and performance metrics. By proactively identifying and managing risks, Apna Heritage is well-positioned to achieve its long-term goals.

Section C	Objectives and activities
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Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

The charity initially existed to promote and educate the public on the arts, culture, and heritage of the 'Mirpur region' (the Mirpur District of the erstwhile Jammu Province, including Tehsils Bhimber, Kotli and Mirpur, now present-day Azad Jammu and Kashmir) for the public benefit. By the end of the financial year, it was realised that there was potential to maximise public benefit by slightly altering the objects and the name to a broader region so as to address more ethnic minority groups who belonged to the same heritage and thus be more inclusive. A request was submitted to amend the objects and after permission was granted by the Charity Commission, the name and objects of the charity were changed. The charity achieves its goals through: 1. Promotion: Raising awareness and appreciation for the aforementioned region's arts, culture, and heritage. 2. Education: Advancing public knowledge by researching and disseminating findings in all aspects of the region's cultural heritage, including language, literature, and genealogy.

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)

Apna Heritage undertook several voluntary activities during the year to achieve its charitable objects. These activities focused on promoting and educating the public about the arts, culture, and heritage of the Mirpur region and surrounding areas (as defined in the governing document).

Activities:

- **Reconnecting Families:** The charity facilitated connections between individuals with shared heritage, fostering a sense of community and cultural identity. (Public Benefit: Social Welfare, Education)
- **Digitising Records and Photo Albums:** Preserving historical and cultural information for future generations and wider accessibility. (Public Benefit: Advancement of Heritage, Education)
- **Community Outreach:** Meeting with community members, conducting workshops, and showcasing findings. This involved sharing knowledge about the region's heritage, language, literature, and genealogy. (Public Benefit: Education, Advancement of Culture)
- **Family History Support:** Providing guidance and resources to individuals researching their family trees, promoting understanding of their heritage. (Public Benefit: Education)

Statutory Declaration:

The trustees of Apna Heritage confirm that they have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit when undertaking these activities.

Additional Notes:

- While these activities were conducted on a voluntary basis, they directly contribute to the charity's objectives of promoting and educating the public about the region's rich heritage.
- The delay in opening a bank account due to external factors did not impede the charity's ability to carry out its work.
- Due to the reliance on volunteers, there were no expenditures associated with these activities during the year.

Looking Forward:

The decision to expand the scope of the charity's work by amending its objects and name reflects the positive impact beyond the initial focus on the Mirpur district. This demonstrates our organisation's commitment to serving a wider community and maximising its 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.

Apna Heritage does not currently have a policy on grantmaking or program-related investments. This is because the organisation currently relies heavily on volunteers and our focus is on direct activities rather than funding external initiatives.

Volunteer Contributions:

Volunteers play a vital role in Apna Heritage's work. They contribute significantly to achieving the charity's objectives through various activities, including:

- **Collecting Materials:** Volunteers actively collect historical and cultural materials such as photos, documents, and artefacts related to the Mirpur region.
- **Gathering Stories:** Volunteers interview community members and document their personal stories and experiences, enriching the understanding of the region's cultural heritage.
- **Creating Content:** Volunteers assist in creating social media posts and educational materials to share information about the region's heritage.
- **Event Support:** Volunteers provide logistical and operational support for workshops, presentations, and other events organised by the charity.

The dedication and hard work of volunteers have been instrumental in Apna Heritage's progress. Their contributions not only save valuable resources but also foster a sense of community ownership around the preservation and promotion of cultural heritage.

Section D

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

Apna Heritage made significant strides in achieving its charitable objectives during the year. Here are some key achievements:

Family Reconnection:

- **Over 100 Families Reconnected:** Through volunteer efforts, Apna Heritage facilitated the reconnection of over a hundred families within the community. This includes families dealing with adoption, those seeking information about ancestors, and individuals who never knew their parents. These reconnections demonstrate the tangible impact of the charity's work on people's lives.
- **Enhanced Understanding of Ancestry:** Apna Heritage's activities empowered community members to learn about their own ancestry. This fosters a sense of cultural identity and personal connection to the region's heritage.

Community Outreach and Education:

- **JAAG Festival Talk:** Chair Trustee Awais Hussain delivered a well-received talk at the JAAG Festival, the first ever Punjabi and Pahari-Pothwari language and literature festival. The talk covered various aspects of genealogy and Mirpur heritage, reaching a broad audience nationwide. The talk provided attendees with step-by-step genealogy guidance, a practical guide on researching family history, creating family trees, and preserving family documents. This empowered individuals to actively engage in their own heritage exploration.
- **Community Talk in Newcastle:** A similar talk was conducted in Newcastle focusing on the early Mirpuri pioneers of that city.

Overall, Apna Heritage's achievements demonstrate its positive impact on the community. By facilitating family reconnections, promoting heritage education, and fostering community engagement, the charity has significantly advanced its goals and left a lasting impact on the community.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

Apna Heritage is a new organisation and is currently focusing on establishing its core activities and building a strong volunteer base. As the organisation grows and secures more sustainable funding, it will develop a formal reserves policy to ensure responsible financial management. The Board of Trustees will review and adopt a reserves policy in due course, ensuring financial prudence alongside achieving Apna Heritage's charitable objectives.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

The concept of a material deficit in relation to funds is not applicable in our current context. We are committed to responsible financial management as we grow and secure more sustainable funding.

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.

Apna Heritage is currently in the early stages of development and relies primarily on volunteer contributions to deliver its activities. This minimises expenditure and allows us to focus on establishing our core programs.

Fundraising Efforts:

- We are actively exploring fundraising options to ensure long-term sustainability. These might include grant applications, individual donations, and community fundraising events.

Expenditure and Objectives:

- As mentioned earlier, our reliance on volunteers has kept expenses minimal during the past year. Future fundraising will ensure resources support our key objectives of promoting and educating the public about the Mirpur region's heritage.

We are committed to responsible financial management and transparency. As Apna Heritage grows, we will provide more detailed financial information in future reports.

Section F

Other optional information

Change of Name and Objects: It is important to note that the charity has changed its name from Mirpur Heritage to Apna Heritage and the objects have been amended. This change reflects our desire to expand our reach and serve a broader region related to the same heritage.

Apna Heritage is grateful for the dedication of its volunteers, whose contributions are essential to our work.

Section G

Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s) Awais Hussain

Full name(s) Awais Hussain

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc) Chair

Date 22 April 2024



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name
Apna Heritage

No
1199954

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

Period start date
03/08/2022

To

Period end date
30/06/2023

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
(Not applicable)	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	-	-	-	-	-
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
(Not applicable)	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	-	-	-	-	-
A3 Payments					
(Not applicable)	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
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Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
(Not applicable)	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	-	-	-	-	-
Net of receipts/(payments)	-	-	-	-	-
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	-	-	-	-
Cash funds this year end	-	-	-	-	-

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	(Not applicable)	-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	-	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Details			
	(Not applicable)	-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	(Not applicable)		-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
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B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	(Not applicable)		-	-
			-	-
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			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
	(Not applicable)		-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
	Awais Hussain	Awais Hussain	22/04/2024	