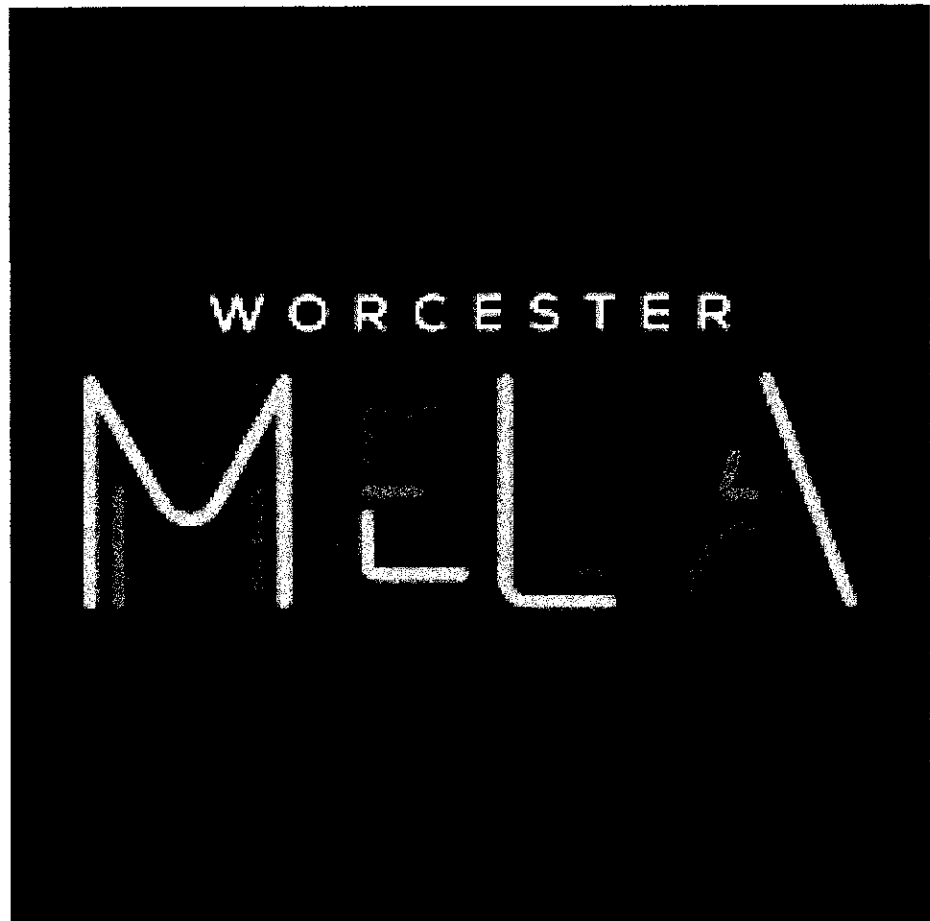


WORCESTER MELA

Charity number: 1206966

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CHARITY ACCOUNTS

For the Year Ended 31 August 2024

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Objectives and Activities

The Worcester Mela exists to:

- Promote harmony among diverse communities through South Asian arts, music, dance, and heritage. The festival serves as a platform to showcase diverse cultural expressions and foster mutual understanding between different communities.
- Provide educational opportunities related to South Asian culture, history, and traditions by organizing workshops, interactive sessions, and school outreach programmes. These activities help educate people about the rich heritage of South Asian communities and their contributions to British society.
- Host the annual Worcester Mela Festival and related cultural events, creating an inclusive space for people from all backgrounds to come together and celebrate diversity. The event features live performances, culinary experiences, traditional arts and crafts, and a range of family-friendly activities.
- Document and preserve the contributions of Worcestershire's South Asian communities by maintaining an archive of past Mela events, recording oral histories, and collaborating with local heritage institutions. The charity aims to ensure that the legacy and cultural impact of South Asian communities in the region are recognised and celebrated for future generations.

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TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

Charity Information

Charity Name: Worcester Mela
Charity Number: 1206966
Registered Address: 125 Victoria Avenue, Worcester, WR5 1EE

Legal Structure: Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) **Date of Registration:** 9 February 2024

Regulatory Oversight: Charity Commission for England and Wales

Website: <https://worcestermela.org.uk>

Bankers: Lloyds Bank, 4 The Cross, the Avenue, Worcester, WR1 3PY

Independent Examiner: LLOYD & SMITH ACCOUNTANTS 36 Harrington Road,
Worcester, WR2 5HD

Trustees

Trustee Name	Role	Date of Appointment
Abdul Riaz	Chair	10 October 2023
Jason Jones	Trustee	05 November 2024
Romana Ali	Trustee	23 August 2024
Kay Bruton	Trustee	24 June 2024
Gemma Helen Dhami	Trustee	24 June 2024
Jabran Khalid	Trustee	10 October 2023

Achievements and Performance

- Successfully organised the **Worcester Mela Festival**, attended by over **5,000 people**, featuring a diverse range of performances, food stalls, and cultural exhibitions. This has significantly enhanced community cohesion and cultural appreciation.
- Delivered **10+ cultural workshops and performances**, including traditional music and dance workshops, storytelling sessions, and hands-on arts and crafts activities for children and adults. These initiatives have increased public engagement and education about South Asian culture.
- Secured critical grant funding to sustain ongoing activities and outreach. These funds have enabled the charity to plan future events, expand its reach within the local community, and invest in marketing and operational improvements to enhance the overall experience of the Worcester Mela Festival.
- Strengthened partnerships with local businesses, schools, and community groups, fostering long-term collaborations that will support the charity's mission of promoting cultural diversity and inclusion.
- Increased public awareness through strategic marketing campaigns, local media coverage, and social media engagement, leading to higher attendance and participation in Mela events.
- Enhanced volunteer engagement, with a growing network of dedicated volunteers who contribute to event planning, logistics, and outreach activities, ensuring the sustainability and success of Worcester Mela's initiatives.
- Secured critical grant funding to sustain ongoing activities and outreach.
- Worked with other NPO organisations across the country to develop skills and share learning.

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

For the Year Ended 31 August 2024

Income	2024 (£)
Grants and Subsidies	35,700
Sales	385
Subcontractor Refund	240
Total Income	36,325
Expenditure	2024 (£)
Materials	104
Subcontractor Costs	1,844
Insurance	392
Printing & Stationery	259
Subscriptions	884
Professional Fees	28,927
Hire & Leasing	6,369
Total Expenditure	38,779
Net Surplus/(Deficit)	(2,454)

The charity recorded a **net deficit of £2,454**, reflecting increased professional fees and operational costs.

BALANCE SHEET

As at 31 August 2024

Fixed Assets

	2024 (£)
Equipment	-
Total Fixed Assets	-

Current Assets

	2024 (£)
Bank Balance	63,446.49
Total Current Assets	63,446.49

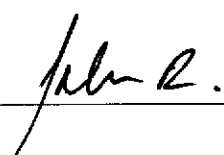
Liabilities

	2024 (£)
Creditors	1,200.00
Total Liabilities	1,200.00

Funds

	2024 (£)
Restricted Funds	58,000.00
Unrestricted Funds	5,446.49
Capital Introduced	2,454.00
Total Funds	62,246.49

These financial statements were approved by the trustees on **14 March 2025** and signed on their behalf by:

Signed:  (Chair) Date: 17th MARCH 2025

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Accounting Policies

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with:

- **Charities SORP (FRS 102)**
- **UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (GAAP)**
- **Financial Reporting Standard 102 (FRS 102)**

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

I have examined the accounts of Worcester Mela for the year ended 31 August 2024, which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, and related notes to the financial statements. These financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) and applicable UK accounting standards.

Respective Responsibilities of the Trustees and the Independent Examiner: The trustees are responsible for ensuring that the charity maintains proper accounting records and for preparing financial statements that comply with applicable law and regulations. It is my responsibility to examine the financial records and statements and to report whether, in my opinion, proper accounting records have been kept and whether the financial statements agree with those records.

Scope and Basis of the Examination: I have conducted my examination in accordance with the applicable guidelines issued by the Charity Commission for England and Wales. My examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the financial statements presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. My work has been carried out to the extent necessary to provide a reasonable basis for my conclusions.

Independent Examiner's Statement: In connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention which give me cause to believe that, in any material respect:

1. The accounting records were not kept in accordance with applicable legislation; or
2. The financial statements do not accord with the accounting records and comply with the Charities SORP (FRS 102).

Having reviewed the financial records and statements, I am satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the financial position of Worcester Mela as at 31 August 2024 and its incoming resources and application of resources for the year then ended.

Date: 17 March 2025 Based on the financial records provided, I confirm that the accounts are accurate and comply with applicable financial reporting standards.

Signed: 

Mr Nohman Aziz
Lloyd & Smith Accountants
36 Harrington Road, Worcester, WR2 5HD

Signature: Jabba Riaz
Jabba Riaz (Chair) 25/03/25 09:36 PM

Email: chair@worcestermela.org.uk