

**BRISTOL KERALITES ASSOCIATION
TRUSTEES' REPORT AND
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

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Bristol Keralites Association Trustees' Report For The Year Ended 31 March 2025

The trustees present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2025.

Objectives and Activities

Aims and Objectives

AIMS

Bristol Keralites Association (BrisKA) is a non-profitable, non-political, social and cultural community organisation of the people migrated from South India. Its membership is open to the people living in Bristol and surrounding area; and promotes the welfare of its members and offers its services to wider society irrespective of ethnic origin and background. BrisKA was officially inaugurated on 20th November 2010, by Bristol North West MP Miss Charlotte Lesley in the presence of city Councillor Mr Mike Wollacott. Currently there are nine neighbourhood associations in and around Bristol affiliated to BrisKA. BrisKA also have members who do not belong to any affiliated local associations. Currently BrisKA has an executive committee consisting of 20 members including President, Secretary, Treasurer. BrisKA organises sports, arts and cultural activities for both adults and children. BrisKA runs a dance class for children on a weekly basis in Filton and Bradley Stoke with a nominal fee. BrisKA has played key role in promoting arts, sports and cultural activities for its members. In 2024, BrisKA has been awarded CIO status by the Charity Commission for England and Wales.

OBJECTIVES

- To bring together the Keralite community in Bristol and surrounding areas without any caste, creed or religious preference and promote friendship and fraternity in the Community and secure its unity and co-operation.
- To represent the interests of the Community and serve as its voice in securing governmental support and provisions available in this Land particularly in cases of emergencies as determined by the Executive Committee.
- To encourage/propagate and impart training in art, language, literature, culture, history, heritage, music, dance, drama, film, cuisine, of Kerala.
- To organise social, cultural, sports and recreational activities and games for the Community and to encourage talented members of the Association.
- To organise various training classes, orientation program, employment advice, employment-oriented courses for the members.
- To act as an agency for the mobilization of assistance and support for humanitarian and charitable causes and to promote environmental awareness.
- To establish, maintain, control and support educational institutions, libraries, reading rooms, classes for the instruction of the members, their families and the community.
- To establish or secure a community centre and manage or cooperate with any statutory authority or organisation in the maintenance and management of such a centre for the activities promoted by the association.
- To give, allow and award prizes, grants, scholarships or advances from any fund of the Association for such courses of instructions as may be determined by the Association.
- To educate and encourage the Community to fulfil their civic responsibilities and to enhance social integration with the local population of Bristol.
- To encourage, exhibit and promote Keralite artists by providing them facilities for displaying their talents and sponsor their participation as deemed appropriate by the Executive Committee.
- To forge links with like-minded organizations in this land and abroad by providing a forum for mutual co-operation

Significant Activities

MUSIC EVENT 2024

Our music event, aptly named as 'Utsavaravu' was on 6th April 2024, at Filton Community hall. Started with the whole committee appearing on stage and lighting the inauguration Nialavilakku. Music event was kicked off by young talents from our BrisKA family followed on by a variety of programs by Kalabhavan Dileep and team, musicians from BrisKA family and finished off by Charles Antony. One of the highlights of the program was the highly entertaining dance performances by Desi Nach group who got the audience to dance in tune. Delicious food prepared by Gijo Palatty was an added bonus to the attendees. This event was well received by our community and a big success at a small budget. We thank all our sponsors – Infinity Mortgage, A-One Furniture, Mattanchery Foods, Gloobal Food Mart, Zankys Deli, Eden General Stores, Quality Foods and Dev's Kerala Resaturant.

DANCE CLASSES

BrisKA School of Dance has been functional for many years, however, recently the number of students has dwindled. The senior classes for grades 3, 6 & 7 is at Holy Trinity church Hall, Bradley Stoke on Saturdays. There were only 12 students in 2023 and two has dropped out leaving just 10 currently. BrisKA started a new class for beginners at the St Gregory church hall, Filton and this is the first a time a new batch has been started in few years. There are currently twelve students, attending regularly on Tuesday evenings.

Students who passed grade exams in 2024:

Prisha Kumar, Siri Shurithi, Melvena Teny, Harshitha Savalgi, Alanana George, Shianne SanthoshBrisKA committee would like to thank our dance teacher Mrs. Thurka Satheeshwaran for her great effort.

2024: CHESS CLASS

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Significant Activities - continued

BrisKA started a new chess class for kids in March 2024. Dr Suresh has kindly volunteered to take the classes free of charge. Though the enthusiasm was high initially, after few months the numbers had dropped. Even though we didn't insist on anyone paying fees to attend, number of students dropped such that we couldn't continue it after the summer break in 2024. BrisKA extends our thanks to Dr Suresh for his time, effort and commitment.

FUND RAISING FOR RAMESAN

Ramesan Cherichal, (known as Ramesan Chettan) loved by many of us, passed away on the night of August 15th 2024 in Southmead hospital in Bristol. He has two children (Drupad, 19 years, Kashyap, 17 years). After his wife died of cancer two years ago, the children have been living with their father in Bristol. As compassionate human beings, living in the same diaspora community and caring for others, it was our duty to stand with Ramesan Chettan's family during this difficult time. To support his sons, BrisKA organised a fundraising campaign and with the generous contribution of many from our community and others, we raised £11658.07. While the fundraising has been going on, BrisKA advanced £5,650.00 to Ramesan's family for funeral expenses. After discussions with their local guardians, it's agreed that the rest of the money will be paid to the family as a monthly payment for 12 months.

BRISKA ONAM 2024

We celebrated Onam, the harvest festival of Kerala, in our traditional way on Saturday 29th September 2024 at City Hall, College Green, Bristol. More than a thousand people have taken part in this year's Onam celebrations. An amazingly beautiful pookkalam, prepared by Babu Varkey and team, welcomed our members to the venue. Our delicious "Onam Sadhya" with 20 items prepared by Lokanathan & co from Taunton gave everyone a real experience of traditional Sadhya. A live orchestra during the Sadhya by the singers of Bristol and also from Arafath and team made this year's Onam Celebration further attractive and impressing to everyone.

Though at short notice, we conducted vadamvali also which we couldn't do last year and was uncertain even on the day. Though it delayed our cultural program start, it's a huge success and special mention to the sports committee and others who took the initiative and helped organise it. Winners were awarded Ray memorial ever rolling trophy and cash prize sponsored by UBMA.

Maveli arrived at the programme hall with the president and the other committee members and with the accompaniment of our traditional chendamelam.

Dennis Sebastian, secretary welcomed everyone to the event, President Sajan Sebastian delivered the presidential address. BrisKA CIO registration certificate was presented during the event in the presence of all former presidents and secretaries on stage. We were also very grateful to Mr Geromic George IAS, former Collector of Thiruvananthapuram, as the chief guest of the day. Mini Scaria, arts club secretary, extended vote of thanks.

Cultural programs continued with variety of entertainments including dances, chain music by our own singers and a skit by Brentry and Henbury association. TV fame 'Kesavnmamman' along with the rest of Arafath and team provided additional entertainment during the program and treated us to a live music fest to finish off the night.

MEMBERSHIP

Currently a total of around 150 members have renewed their subscription (mostly along with the Onam tickets and some separately). The committee continues to encourage new members to join BrisKA. We need a more concerted plan and effort to get regular subscription fees or renewals from all our members.

BIG DRIVE FOR BRISTOL AND WESTON HOSPITAL CHARITY

We supported Noby & Joby in their 'Big Drive for charity'. BrisKA supported their flag off in Bristol and provided them BrisKA t-Shirts and spread their fundraising campaign through our social FB page and WhatsApp groups.

Reference and Administrative Details

Trustees

Mr Shaji Skaria - Treasurer
Mr Saji Mathew - Vice President
Mr Joshy George - Joint Secretary
Mr Sabin Emmanuel - Joint Treasurer
Mr Sajan Sebastian - President/Chair
Mr Dennis Sebastian - Secretary

Charity Number

1209988

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Trustees' Report (continued)
For The Year Ended 31 March 2025**

Independent Examiner

Thomas David FCCA
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Trustees' Report (continued)
For The Year Ended 31 March 2025**

The trustees' report was approved by the board of trustees and signed on its behalf by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Dennis Sebastian', written in a cursive style.

Mr Dennis Sebastian

Trustee

30/01/2026

Bristol Keralites Association
Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Bristol Keralites Association
For The Year Ended 31 March 2025

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Bristol Keralites Association (the Trust) for the year ended 31 March 2025.

Responsibilities and Basis of Report

As the charity trustees of the Trust you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent Examiner's Statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and contents of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Thomas David FCCA

30/01/2026
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**Bristol Keralites Association
Statement of Financial Activities
For The Year Ended 31 March 2025**

			2025	2024
		Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds
	Notes	£	£	£
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:				
Donations and legacies		27,997	11,658	39,655
EXPENDITURE ON:				
Raising funds		(26,643)	(5,650)	(32,293)
Charitable activities:				
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		1,354	6,008	7,362
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		1,354	6,008	7,362
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS:				
Total funds brought forward		9,703	-	9,703
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	6	11,057	6,008	17,065

The notes on pages 8 to 9 form part of these financial statements.

**Bristol Keralites Association
Statement of Financial Position
As At 31 March 2025**

		Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	2025 Total funds	2024 Total funds
	Notes	£	£	£	£
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	4	3,952	-	3,952	-
Cash at bank and in hand		8,795	6,008	14,803	9,703
		<u>12,747</u>	<u>6,008</u>	<u>18,755</u>	<u>9,703</u>
Creditors: Amounts Falling Due Within One Year	5	(1,690)	-	(1,690)	-
		<u>11,057</u>	<u>6,008</u>	<u>17,065</u>	<u>9,703</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS (LIABILITIES)					
		<u>11,057</u>	<u>6,008</u>	<u>17,065</u>	<u>9,703</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES					
		<u>11,057</u>	<u>6,008</u>	<u>17,065</u>	<u>9,703</u>
NET ASSETS					
		<u>11,057</u>	<u>6,008</u>	<u>17,065</u>	<u>9,703</u>
FUNDS OF THE CHARITY					
Restricted Funds				6,008	-
Unrestricted Funds				<u>11,057</u>	<u>9,703</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	6			<u>17,065</u>	<u>9,703</u>

On behalf of the board

Mr Shaji Skaria
Trustee
30/01/2026



Mr Sajan Sebastian
Trustee



The notes on pages 8 to 9 form part of these financial statements.

Bristol Keralites Association
Notes to the Financial Statements
For The Year Ended 31 March 2025

1. General Information

Bristol Keralites Association is a charitable incorporated organisation registered with the Charity Commission, registered charity number 1209988. The principal address is .

2. Accounting Policies

2.1. Basis of Preparation of Financial Statements

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)", Financial Reporting Standard 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" and the Charities Act 2011.

The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

2.2. Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents are basic financial assets and include cash in hand and deposits held at call with banks, other short-term highly liquid investments that mature in no more than three months from the date of acquisition and are readily convertible to a known amount of cash with insignificant risk of change in value, and bank overdrafts.

3. Average Number of Employees

Average number of employees during the year was: NIL (2024:)

4. Debtors

	2025 £	2024 £
Due within one year		
Other debtors	3,952	-

5. Creditors: Amounts Falling Due Within One Year

	2025 £	2024 £
Accruals	1,690	-

6. Movement in Funds

	As at 1 April 2024 £	Income £	Expenditure £	As at 31 March 2025 £
Unrestricted funds				
General:				
General unrestricted fund	9,703	27,997	(26,643)	11,057
Restricted funds				
Funeral Support Fund	-	11,658	(5,650)	6,008
Total funds	9,703	39,655	(32,293)	17,065

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For The Year Ended 31 March 2025

	As at 1 April 2023	Income	Expenditure	As at 31 March 2024
	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds				
General:				
General unrestricted fund	13,352	17,561	(21,210)	9,703
Total funds	<u>13,352</u>	<u>17,561</u>	<u>(21,210)</u>	<u>9,703</u>

7. Transactions with Trustees

During the year the expenses reimbursed to the trustees or paid directly to third parties were as follows:

2025	2024
£	£
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8. Related Party Disclosures

Bristol Keralites Association
Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
For The Year Ended 31 March 2025

	2025	2024
	Total funds	Total funds
	£	£
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:		
Donations and legacies		
Funeral assistance donations	11,658	-
Membership subscriptions	3,060	2,400
Onam Income	13,795	10,600
Dance Income	7,011	3,327
Utsavaravu income	3,881	-
Other Income	250	1,234
	<u>39,655</u>	<u>17,561</u>
	39,655	17,561
EXPENDITURE ON:		
Raising funds		
Funeral assistance payments	(5,650)	-
Onam expenses	(17,513)	(17,061)
Dance expenses	(4,035)	(4,018)
Utsavaravu expenses	(3,320)	-
Accountancy fees	(300)	-
Professional fees	(1,390)	-
Bank charges	(67)	(131)
Sundry expenses	(18)	-
	<u>(32,293)</u>	<u>(21,210)</u>
	(32,293)	(21,210)
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	<u><u>7,362</u></u>	<u><u>(3,649)</u></u>