

THE CENTRAL GURDWARA (BRITISH ISLES) LONDON KHALSA JATHA

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

Charity registration number : 258324

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Report of the Managing Trustees

For the year ending 31 December 2023

The Trustees and Management Committee has pleasure in submitting its Report to the Members, together with the Financial Statements of the Temple for the year ending 31 December 2023.

Introduction and Principal Activity

The Central Gurdwara London is a charity located in London and primarily serves the Sikh community. The Central Gurdwara London, also known as the Khalsa Jatha is a religious charity centred on the Sikh faith. All aspects of the Khalsa Jatha operations and management are premised on the foundations of Sikh teachings and principles.

Whilst our primary objective is to enable those of a Sikh heritage and Sikh commitment with a place of worship, sangat (congregation) and langar (communal kitchen and food), the Khalsa Jatha prides itself on being able to extend its building and its volunteers' time to all members of the local and wider community.

Trustees and Management Committee

The following Trustees and Management Committee Members who were appointed and/or reappointed and held office since 1 March 2020 are:

Gurpreet Singh Anand – President
Gurvinder Kaur Randhawa – Vice-President
Jasvinder Singh Alg – General Secretary
Ramneek Kaur - Assistant General Secretary
Ranbir Singh Alg - Finance Secretary
Mandip Singh Sohal - Education Secretary
Harvinder Kaur Dulku - Health & Wellbeing
Manjeet Kaur Gill - Provisions Secretary
Harmohan Singh Puri - Property Secretary
Rajvinder Singh Jagdev - Fundraising
Satbir Singh Choudry - Librarian

Aims and Objectives

In addition to our aims and objectives as defined in our constitution, the Khalsa Jatha set out its aims and objectives, as follows:

1. Practice of Sikhism: to provide facilities to enable followers of the Sikh religion to practise their faith in a convenient and conducive environment in accordance to Sikh Gurmat i.e., the principles and rules laid down by the Ten Gurus and Sri Guru Granth Sahib (the Holy Scriptures).
2. Celebration of Sikhism and Sikh Beliefs: to hold key events to highlight events on the Sikh calendar.
3. Focus on education: ensure the charity delivers education on both religious ideology and Punjabi language and providing opportunities for the distribution of non-faith information and education.
4. Community Focus and Public Benefit: focus on the community integration and diversity.
5. Improve the Khalsa Jatha facilities: increase the facilities and capacity of the Khalsa Jatha building.

A key measurement for the Management Committee as to their performance over the year is how closely we managed to deliver to our objectives and to the wishes of the Sangat (congregation).

Practice of Sikhism

The Gurdwara is open daily between 5.30 am to 9.00 pm. Daily morning and evening service are conducted inside the Gurdwara. Services and other practices according to the Sikh Rehit Maryada (Sikh Code of Conduct) are performed for weddings, birthdays, name-giving ceremonies, funerals or any other occasions according to the needs of worshippers throughout the year.

Regular daily services/prayers are conducted at the following times:

6.00 am to 7.30 am (Nit-Nem)

6.00 pm to 7.30 pm. (Rehras, Evening rendering)

Guru-ka-Langar (free kitchen for all) was supported and kept running throughout the year as is required by Sikh code of conduct.

Celebration of Sikhism and Sikh Beliefs

The Khalsa Jatha celebrated all main events on the Sikh calendar. All the major Gurupurabs (special religious anniversaries) were celebrated these included:

(i) Avtaar Gurpurab Guru Gobind Singh Jee

(ii) Vaisakhi (Birthday of Khalsa)

(iii) Shaheedi Purab Guru Arjan Dev Jee

(iv) Diwali/Bandi Chhor Divas

(v) Avtaar Gurpurab Guru Nanak Dev Jee

(vi) Shaheedi Purab Guru Teg Bahadur Sahib Jee

(vii) Sahibzada Shaheedi Purab

(viii) Sangrand services were held at the start of each month

Focus on Education

The Khalsa Jatha holds Punjabi classes in the premises every Sunday. An average of 50 students attend and we have 6 teaching staff. Every teacher commands sufficient Punjabi language skills to be able to teach children up to GCSE level standard.

In addition to Punjabi language teaching, the Khalsa Jatha provides educational and learning classes for:

a. Kirtan classes, classical Sikh hymns recitals

b. Tabla and Harmonium classes, learning to play the Indian drums and harmonium

Coach trips are organised to various places for the benefit of those who wish to pay for visits to religious events and cultural activities.

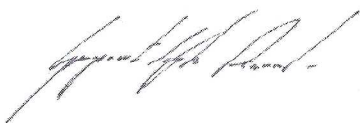
Community Focus and Public Benefit

A variety of actions have been taken to promote community diversity, integration for the greater public benefit. These include: Increasing the knowledge of Sikhism and the functioning of the Gurdwara to the wider community through presentations and walkthroughs for local students. We have hosted Primary, Secondary Schools and Universities from across Europe, where students and teachers spend between one and half to two hours inside the Gurdwara. They are shown all the facilities provided to the Sangat and are made aware of all the practices and traditional routine of prayers in the Gurdwara. They are taken around the building, and shown the Langar Hall, where all the worshippers prepare and eat food together. The children show great interest in the Sikh way of worship and ask many questions to satisfy their curiosity. Refreshments are also provided to these visitors. Plans are being made to extend the Langar Hall and also to commemorate the history of Princess Sofia Duleep Singh with a Statue.

Conclusions By Trustees

We remain indebted to all those who continue to perform selfless service in the name of the Almighty. Our Ardas remains for their blessings.

For and on behalf of the Managing Trustees



Gurpreet Singh Anand

Dated: 10th day of October 2024

THE CENTRAL GURDWARA (BRITISH ISLES) LONDON KHALSA JATHA

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES

This report is used in respect of an audit carried out under section 43 of the Charities Act 1993.

We have audited the financial statements of **The Central Gurdwara (British Isles) London Khalsa Jatha** for the year ended 31 December 2023 comprise the Income and Expenditure Account, Balance Sheet and the related notes. These financial statements have been prepared under the accounting policies set out there in.

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with Section 43 of the Charities Act 1993. Our audit work has been undertaken of that we might state to the charity's trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and auditors

The trustees' responsibilities for preparing the Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) and for being satisfied that the charity's financial statements give a true and fair view are set out in the Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities.

We have been appointed as auditors under section 43 of the Charities Act 1993 and report in accordance with regulations made under section 44 of that Act. Our responsibility is to audit the financial statements in accordance with relevant legal and regulatory requirements and International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland).

We report to you our opinion as to whether the financial statements give a true and fair view and are properly prepared in accordance with the relevant financial reporting framework and are prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 1993.

In addition we report to you if, in our opinion, the charity has not kept sufficient accounting records or if the statement of accounts does not accord with those records or if we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

We read the Trustees' Annual Report, and consider whether it is consistent with the audited financial statements. We consider the implications for our report if we become aware of any apparent misstatements or material inconsistencies with the financial statements.

Basis of audit opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland) issued by the Auditing Practices Board. An audit includes examination, on a test basis, of evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. It also includes an assessment of the significant estimates and judgments made by the trustees in the preparation of the financial statements, and of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the charity's circumstances, consistently applied and adequately disclosed.

We planned and performed our audit so as to obtain all the information and explanation which we considered necessary in order to provide us with sufficient evidence to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or other irregularity or error. In forming our opinion we also evaluated the overall adequacy of the presentation of information in the financial statements.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES

Opinion

In our opinion :

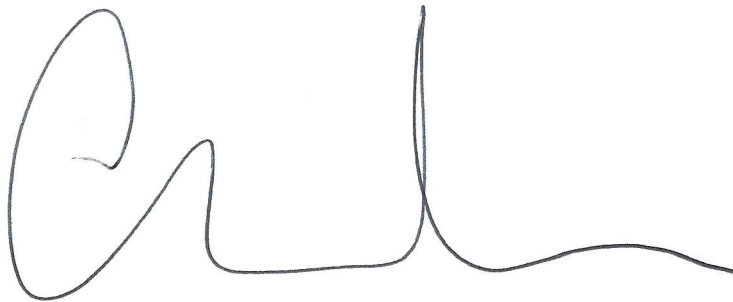
- the financial statements give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 31 December 2023 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, its including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- the financial statements have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- the financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 1993.

Registered Auditors and Chartered Accountants

Archer Associates
Churchill House
120 Bunns Lane
London
NW7 2AS

Date


22/01/24





THE CENTRAL GURDWARA (BRITISH ISLES) LONDON KHALSA JATHA

**COMMITTEES' APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

We approve these financial statements for the year ended 31 DECEMBER 2023 set out on pages 7 to 10 and we confirm that we have made available all records and information for their preparation.


Gurpreet Singh Anand
(President)


Mr Jasvinder Singh Alg
(Secretary)


Ranbir Singh Alg
(Finance secretary)

Date 16th October 2024

THE CENTRAL GURDWARA (BRITISH ISLES) LONDON KHALSA JATHA

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

	Notes	2023 £	2022 £
INCOMING RESOURCES			
<u>Direct Charitable Income</u>	1		
Donations		317,950	534,106
Total Incoming resources		317,950	534,106
OUTGOING RESOURCES			
<u>Direct Charitable Expenditure :</u>			
Education and cultural		104,853	40,518
Langar		69,058	51,734
		173,912	92,252
<u>Other expenditure :</u>			
<u>Management and Administration</u>			
Staff salaries		59,153	73,968
Pension contribution		1,316	827
Rates		3,989	3,433
Water rates		6,071	4,693
Heating and lighting		35,640	18,600
Insurance		12,252	51,176
Laundry and cleaning		34,102	23,931
Repairs and maintenance		4,214	77,640
Lift maintainance		2,572	1,795
Telephone		1,726	1,437
Travelling		2,231	-
Postage and stationery		13,088	4,735
Sundry expenses		3,567	4,316
Audit and accountancy		2,220	2,220
Bank charges		1,804	1,412
Depreciation		9,250	12,333
		193,195	282,516
Total Outgoing resources		367,107	374,768
Net Incoming resources		(49,157)	159,338
Rental income		73,481	73,699
Loan Interest		167	-
Interest		4,560	540
Net income of the year		29,051	233,577
Funds brought forward		1,577,823	1,344,245
Funds carried forward		1,606,874	1,577,822

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2023

	Notes	£	2023 £	£	2022 £
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	2				
Freehold land and building		1,060,838		1,049,953	
Fixture and fittings		23,196		30,928	
Office equipments		<u>4,553</u>		<u>6,071</u>	
			1,088,587		1,086,952
Current assets					
Debtors and prepayment					
Cash at bank and in hand		478,251		500,153	
Other debtors		<u>50,166</u>		<u></u>	
		528,417		500,153	
Current liabilities					
Other creditors	3	<u>10,130</u>		<u>9,283</u>	
Net current Assets / (Liabilities)			518,287		490,870
Bank loan and overdraft					
Net assets			<u><u>1,606,874</u></u>		<u><u>1,577,822</u></u>
Represented by			£		£
Unrestricted income funds			1,606,874		1,577,822
Total funds carried forward			<u><u>1,606,874</u></u>		<u><u>1,577,822</u></u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

These financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with applicable accounting standards and the Statements of Recommended Practice on Accounting by Charities using the following accounting policies:

DEPRECIATION

Depreciation is calculated so as to write off the cost of an asset, net of anticipated disposal proceeds, over the useful economic life of that asset as follows:

Fixtures and Fittings - 25 % Per annum reducing balance
Equipments - 25% Per annum reducing balance

In accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (Effective January 2015), no depreciation is provided on the freehold property.

However, this policy is contrary to the UK Generally Accepted Accounting Principal (as amended) which specially requires that Tangible Assets should be depreciated.

The reason for this departure is that the useful economic life is infinite and together with maintenance and repairs, the residual value of the asset, at the end of its economic useful life to the entity, will be significantly greater than its carrying amount. On these grounds the depreciation charge and related accumulated depreciation balance are not material.

CASH FLOW STATEMENT

The Committee has taken advantage of the exemption in Financial Reporting Standard No. 1 from including a cash flow statement in the financial statements on the grounds that the charity is small.

INCOME

The income shown in the Statement of Financial Activities represents grants, donations, and subscriptions received during the financial year.

VALUE ADDED TAX

VAT is not recoverable by the Gurdwara, and as such is included in the relevant costs.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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2 TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Freehold land and building £	Fixtures and Fittings £	Equipments £	Total £
Cost :				
Balance brought forward	1,049,953	255,084	22,270	1,327,307
Addition at cost	10,885	-	-	10,885
Balance carried forward	<u>1,060,838</u>	<u>255,084</u>	<u>22,270</u>	<u>1,338,192</u>
Depreciation :	£	£		£
Balance brought forward	-	224,156	16,199	240,355
Depreciation charge	-	7,732	1,518	9,250
	<u>-</u>	<u>231,888</u>	<u>17,717</u>	<u>249,605</u>
Net book value :	£	£		£
At 31 December 2023	<u>1,060,838</u>	<u>23,196</u>	<u>4,553</u>	<u>1,088,587</u>
At 31 December 2022	<u>1,049,953</u>	<u>30,928</u>	<u>6,071</u>	<u>1,086,952</u>

3 CURRENT LIABILITIES

	2023 £	2022 £
PAYE	1,098	251
Other creditors	2,220	2,220
Rent deposits	6,812	6,812
	<u>10,130</u>	<u>9,283</u>