



Annual General Meeting- Sunday 19th May 2024

Agenda

2.00 - 2.30 - Presentation by Alan Paul from Neighbourhood watch

Minutes from last AGM (18 May 2023) and matters arising.

2.30 - 3.00 - Annual reports including annual accounts

3.00 – 3.45 - Rock Road Site Update and questions

3.45 - 4.00 – Break / refreshments

4.00 - 5.00 - Election of vacant positions

5.00 – 5.30 - AOB

Reports

President – Kishor Ladwa

Jai Shree Krishna!

Year 2023-24 has been another exciting year of Bharat Hindu Samaj, and it has been my privilege to preside over the day to day functioning of our Mandir and BHS. The biggest highlight of this year is that Our Membership has reached to almost 1000 (970) members & with further expanding of Hindu population in Peterborough, more members are joining every day. BHS Rock Road project is finally agreed. We have managed to secure the unit 5,6,7 and currently waiting for the HOTS (Head of the Terms) to be signed.

This year's Executive committee was elected unanimously and there was ballot paper-based election for committee members. This was first of its kind and would like to thank Trustees for defining and executing the process. We had great response from members to join the committee and to serve the Samaj and a particularly good turnout for voting. Some young and very enthusiastic members were elected and are keen to meet new challenges to take our Samaj forward.

Lot of Tulsi plants and bati's was donated by Manjulaben and Rasilaben

Key Festivals

All the Major festivals like Mahashivratri, Hoil, Balaji Klyanam, SitaRam Kalyanam and all the Tamil events were attended in vast numbers, some with over 400 / 500 devotees. Along with more people participating in these festivals, we received generous donations during these events both from Yajmans and devotees attending the events. Ganesh Chaturthi this year had extra ordinary

Decorations, divine Ganesh Pooja. We had Aarti, various activities and tasty food provided every evening, which had very good attendance. None of these events would have been possible without the hard work and great management of the committee members and our Volunteers.

Like every year, Navratri event in 'The Cresset' was extremely successful. Huge attendance, Lively music and wonderful atmosphere. Number of guests attended this along with people from in and around Peterborough, over the 9 nights celebrations. There were number of competitions organised, which were well participated and rewarded. Thanks to all musicians and singers, who provide their service to the Samaj without charging any fees. Our committee members with volunteers manage the event very well.

In addition to daily Pooja and Aarti, Our Poojari Shree Dharmeshbahi Pandya is performing all the major events pooja very well and devotee are happy with his work. Private pooja numbers has doubled over the year and this brings in good amount of money to the Samaj.

Our Aarti Volunteers numbers have gone up with more people coming forward. These volunteers managed the daily aarti and Mandir cover extremely well during our Poojari's holidays and days off.

New Events this year

After 28 yrs, a Dhawaja was installed on front door of our Mandir at Patotsav to showcase the Hindu tradition & the event was celebrated in style.

On 16th October, Ram Padukas Darshan was organised at our mandir. This was a historical moment for BHS with a record attendance of more than 600 people. Devotees travelled from all around including Cambridge to do the darshan.

To mark the Ram Mandir opening in Ayodhya, India, we had an event organised on Monday 22nd January. This was celebrated with Havan in the afternoon and Bhajans in the evening. The bhajans were recited by group of children with musical instruments and several of our members. Extremely good attendance thought out day and we served parsadi to more than 500 devotees. It was a Great atmosphere and we received generous donations. Very well organised & managed by management committee and wonderful Volunteers.

Activities in Samaj

In addition to the festivals in Mandir, we carry out lots of activities at our Centre.

Yoga, Bollywood dancing, Zumba classes, Badminton, Table tennis and Gujrati Rass Garba are the regular activities during the week. These are free to members and are well attended. Language classes - Gujarati & Hindi are also running regularly. Thanks to all Teachers and team leaders who provides their time & services, most of them, free of charge.

HSS group are growing in numbers and do various activities at our centre on every Sundays. It teaches our children Hinduism, discipline of life and physical activities. This year our ladies are also taking part in some competitions.

Our Lunch club, which is every Monday and Tuesday, has been running extremely well with the help of excellent volunteers, cooking team, cleaning and volunteers who do shopping. Great SEWA. We also conduct various activities to support the elderly members attending Lunch club. We had Health Check for our elderly members, which was very successful, with couple of immediate conditions identified and appropriate actions taken. We have record numbers of members sponsors & attendance for Lunch club. Special thanks to Ramnikbhai to continue to manage these.

As members of BHS and Sai Mandal we hold Sai Bhajans every first Thursday of the month. For past four or five years we have successfully been celebrating Guru purnima. Our Mandir is an important hub for all the Hindu community in and around Peterborough. Our sincere thanks to our president Kishor Bhai, and all the committee members for their hard work and dedication.

May our Ram Mandir and BHS grow from strength to strength- Jyoti E- Member of Sai Mandal

I'm pleased to also inform you that during the year, we had our conducted First Aid Training to some of our members and now pleased to inform you that we now have 13 adult First Aiders in BHS along with 2 Young adult first Aiders. This was the very first training conducted in the Samaj by an external professional.

Following the first aid training course, we have also conducted an Health and Safety audit by the independent assessor which highlighted some recommendations and these are now being implemented by the management committee

Collaborations with other organisations

While working with the Samaj and our members, we also ensure that we are aware of the opportunities around us to learn, fund and leverage expertise from other organisations. We are closely working with organisations like Peterborough city Council, PCVS, Cambridgeshire constabulary and other community & diversity organisations.

My self & Rajniben are designated community champions and attend several community related meetings that help us get information on fundings available, activities that could help our samaj and get visibility to BHS.

Bharat Hindu Samaj has been rewarded by 2 Volunteering civic awards, this year (Bharat Seta & Amit Metha)

We had a polling booth at our centre to support the young MP election for Peterborough. Young candidates from our samaj were standing for these elections. We were also supporting three candidates from our samaj and who are our members, standing for local council elections.

EATA group of organisers:

Uttara Dwara Darsanam:

- Vaikuntha Ekadasi or Dev Uthani Ekadasi or Mukkoti Ekadasi or Swargavathil Ekadasi as it is called was celebrated with Uttara Dwara Darsanam (Predominantly observed by South Indians) on 22nd December 2023
- We have created a Miniature Tirumala Tirupathi Devasthanam model with a itinerary of how the devotees visit Tirumala.

Gita Jayanthi: • Gita Jayanthi was celebrated by chanting 17 Chapters of Bhagavad Gita.

- It was very well attended with most of the members chanting Gita.

Sri Rama Pattabhishekam (Coronation of Lord Sri Ram as King of Peterbrough):

- Sri Sita Rama Pattabhishekam was celebrated on 22nd January 2024 at Ram Mandir.
- Lord Sri Rama was declared as King of Peterbrough.
- King of Peterbrough Sri Rama was offered with Mukut (Crown), Kadgam (Sword), Dhandakam (Army Chief Command), Yagnopavitham (Sacred Thread), Raja Mudrika (Signatory), Padukas (Symbolise Dharma Rakshakas), Raja Alankara (Royal Attire) along with Chatram (Umbrella), Chamaram (Fan).
- Every family attended were given opportunity to do Panchamruth Abhishek to Sri Rama Parivar.

Finances & External Funding

Our Accounts are up to date, and we have computerised them to a great extent.

All our banking is also up to date, and we have managed to open additional account with Metro Bank to help with day-to-day operations. Thanks to our Treasurer for keeping the accounts in Excellent order. Our rate card is updated in line with the rising costs. We are planning to introduce software ware for Gift Aid.

Our Funding sub committing has managed to secure a grant of £10,000 for wellbeing of our members, which has been used for various activities for benefit for our members.

Policies & Processes

We have introduced several subcommittees like IT team, Funding team, Poojari management, Policy making team, Health and safety team etc. All are working well as a team and thank you all for your very important contributions.

We have introduced various policies, Operating procedures, and guideline documents to help in day-to-day operations and taking away ambiguities in decision making. Some of these include Safety Guarding, Health and Safety, Bullying & Harassment, Complaints producers, Election Procedure, Working with Associate groups, Conflict of interests etc.

IT

Our On-line payments & Card machine payments are working extremely well for us. Particularly the card machine helps a lot during the major events with majority of devotees preferring this convenient method of payment.

We introduced Google workplace to manage our emails, calendars, and documents. This has helped us with creation of dedicated email addresses for Treasurer, president and secretary like secretary@bharathindusamaj.co.uk, which reduces instances of email being blocked and better acceptability, security and control. This will also help in secured collaborations and sharing information like hall booking.

Our Website & Facebook are updated regularly and performing externally well. We have IT team who are managing website, Facebook, YouTube and Instagram and preparing flyers for our events. Our charity Commission details are up to date and regularly updated.

I would like to thank my Executives team – RajniBen (Vice president), Binaben (Secretary) & Nagabhai (Treasurer) for supporting me in making some very important decisions for Samaj. Same goes to our Trustees - Thank you for cooperation and advice for some very important decisions for the benefit of our Samaj.

Also like to thank my committee members for their continuous support and working as a team.

I would like to conclude my report by thanking our volunteers from SEWA group and members of samaj for supporting all the events and working hard.

I am looking forward to the next year and look forward to continuing to grow the samaj, bring in more fundings and add activities to help our members and the community in general in addition to progressing on the major project.

Kishor Ladwa

Vice President – Rajni Reddy

JSK

Dear Members

2023 /2024 has been an eventful and exciting year for BHS. We have celebrated many festivals successfully and have been able to reach out to the community at large. Many schools visited us during the course of the year, and it was a joy to be with the children who always ask the most intelligent questions about Hinduism. My heartfelt gratitude to Dharmeshbhai, Kishorbhai and all the Table Tennis team members who always help with school visits. Thanks to Hiteshbhai for getting the juices and biscuits.

Teams of police trainees also visited the Mandir to learn about Hinduism and our way of life.

On March 9th, 2024, we celebrated International Women's Day, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all our Ladies. Highlight of the event was the Tarot Card reading by Saritaben Sood. First prize for the Bollywood dance competition was won by Belaben Sampat. A big round of applause to all the BHS ladies who volunteered at the event at each and every stage to make it successful.

I also wish to thank all our unsung heroes and heroines of Bharat Hindu Samaj who quietly contribute their time and effort seamlessly for the smooth running of the Samaj.

Eshwar Asthi Mam Shakthi (The Lord God is my strength)

Rajni Reddy
Vice President

Secretary – Bina Pankhania

Not to repeat anything that has already been said above, but in short, we have had a very busy year in terms of the number of festivals, private bookings, wellbeing activities, language classes and the number of new members who have joined and the number as new email addresses I am having to add to the distribution list. This has kept me extremely busy.

We've had representation at various external events such as Peterborough Celebrates, Bretton Festival, Millfield festival, The Cresset's 45th anniversary and of course our famous Peterborough Diwali Festival celebrations where our members showcased our culture in the form of garba, Bollywood dances and classical dances. A big thank you to everyone who helped and participated.

Last year we switched our email domain from gmail.com to "bharathindusamaj.co.uk" and as expected, this came with its own teething problems but nothing our in-house IT experts could not handle.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our Poojari Sri Dharmeshbhai, all the Committee Members, Trustees and most importantly ALL our amazing volunteers, without whom we would not have been able to achieve as much as we have. As usual, if anyone has any ideas / suggestions on how we can continue to improve or do things differently, please do not hesitate to approach us. We are a very approachable bunch (well most of us anyway) 😊

Treasurer's Report – Nagasayan Puppala

Please see separate report (attached)

Trustees Report - Dr Subhash Kandikattu

JSK

Thanks:

I thank elected Committee management (both executives and committee members) and trustees, volunteers and members for their invaluable support and commitment without which we would not have progressed forward despite the challenges.

Projects agreed during last AGM update:

During last year AGM we took the task of drafting the electoral guidance for reference for future election proposes. I need to thank Mehul Bhai for his effort in drafting them. Subsequently it was discussed in the trustees and committee and it was agreed.

Lessons learned during last year:

Moving forward to standardise how the facilities in BHS were going to be used by various groups, a long waited guidance document was created. This divides the functions that will be performed in BHS premises or outside under BHS banner under following headings – BHS events, BHS Supported events, Public and private events. A new hall hire document was also created and approved by the committee. Thanks to Swapnil Bhai for taking the efforts of drafting them. (BHS – Associated group policy and New Hall Hire charges document).

Now BHS has full management committee, we strongly encourage executives to continue to involve all the committee members in their planning and decision-making process.

The hierarchy in BHS committee must be agreed in the AGM, so that it is clear to both executives, committee, trustees and members how to escalate if they have any difficulties and have differences in some matters. This year we have faced some challenges which caused a lot of turbulence but it took time for them to resolve.

We urge every year during AGM whether anyone is already elected or standing for election they should disclose the conflicts of interests and any declaration of interests. If any conflicts of interests were raised then everyone should follow the conflicts of interest's policy which we presented during last AGM. (conflicts of interest policy)

The challenges last year we faced shows gaps in our governance, and we recommend both future trustees and elected committee to work on consolidating the governance for future teams and members.

We request every elected committee management and trustees when writing any messages outside of the BHS to be respectable and responsible. If any matters already happened in BHS and if they have any disagreements then it should be discussed within the committee but not outside. If any members have any questions they can also directly ask the committee for clarifications.

We take feedback from members seriously. Though it takes time, we act on it at the earliest possible and report back to the individuals or relevant groups about the actions taken. We encourage members to communicate with any committee, executives or trustees. If any complaints, please follow the complaints procedure.

No confidence motion on any elected committee member, executives or trustees can be done at any time, by having 30 signed paid members addressing to the secretary. Then committee will call an EGM to discuss only about the no confidence issue. This was discussed and approved in the committee. (Already in the 1990 constitution).

Miscellaneous:

It's very good to see so many of our members were standing up for local council elections, and are keen to serve the wider community. We wish them all the best in their elections.

We thank everyone for providing us the opportunity to serve our samaj.

We hope that you all go through it. If any comments or suggestions, please let us know.

Namaste

Dr Subhash Kandikattu

Chair of Trustees.

Lunch Club – Ramnik Bhai Mashru

It is my pleasure in presenting this Lunch Club report, once again, to our Members. Our Lunch Club has been serving our respected Senior Citizens over a period of approximately 39 years started from the time when our current premises were opened in 1984 / 85. All the activities of the Lunch Club are being carried out solely on the voluntary bases and they are running on two days a week - Mondays and Tuesdays. My special thanks to Minaben Tank taking the lead in the kitchen and to Ushaben Patel who very willingly takes over the responsible as a lead cook when Minaben is not around. Along with her we have a very good, very dedicated team of ladies helping to cook the fresh food on these two days followed by washing up and cleaning. These ladies also help in tidying the kitchen, cupboards and two storerooms. Just for your information this year we took the responsibility of starting to use our steel cutlery for our meals, considering the Environment and the current requirement of the Government. I must thank Dr Kaushikbhai and Ushaben Joshi for the encouragement and participating in this work. I am very pleased to note that nowadays after the meal, lots of Gents also help in the kitchen in washing and cleaning. In the dining hall also, we have a group of young adults who help in arranging the tables, chairs and the cutlery. A third group of our seniors help to keep our library room occupied by playing cards and general

socialisation. A group of our elderly ladies keep our Mandir lively by chanting bhajans and displaying their talents in the art of communication. Therefore, Mondays and Tuesdays are the most vibrant days in the activities of the Samaj and help the members to socialise.

Apart from serving food, the Club also provides a platform for the health related / general knowledge / information talks on various subjects from the Professionals from various Departments of the Council and other Organisations. The Lunch Club also provides facility to invite and show our traditional hospitality to dignitaries from the Council and various other organisations.

My very special thanks to all those who sponsor the Lunch Club events by way of paying fixed charges and others who generously donate in cash or bring in uncooked food stuff. We also get a grant from the City Council to provide meals for the elderly. All these incomes help the Samaj to provide these meals to our elders absolutely free of charge.

Once a year, an outing is also facilitated for the Club members whereby the elders are taken to either seaside for picnics or visiting other temples. My special thanks to Bharat Bhai Seta for organising these events. Every year during the Christmas festive season, a special Xmas Lunch is also provided and enjoy the festival in a unique way.

My special thanks to Bharat Bhai Seta for taking care of the maintenance and other utilities requirements of the kitchen. My thanks also go to the Executive Committee for their co-operation, help and assistance, and also to those who help in purchasing necessary items for the kitchen as and when required in smooth running of these activities.

Hindi Classes - Gauri Chaudhary

We had 7 months of successful Hindi classes with a turnaround of kids barring between 13-22 at times. Kids have enjoyed and learned how to speak and write Hindi. Unfortunately, the teacher had to move away from Peterborough, and we struggled to find a teacher. We have found one and hoping to start the classes again in May. There is great feedback around Hindi classes and parents and kids are keen to join back.

Gujarati Classes – Rasila Panchal

Gujarati Class report: Since we started Gujarati classes last year, children have made lots of progress. We now have some teenagers who have joined in too. We cover recognition of letters, words beginning with letters, make sentences and enjoy worksheets given for homework to do with their parents. We mostly concentrating on speaking Gujarati rather than learning to write. We also have fun activities like food/fruit tasting, invite Dharmesh Bhai to talk about the important festival days, learn prayers, art and craft activities for Diwali and other festival days, etc. We would like more parents to encourage their children to join in to learn our mother language which is so important.

Garba Classes – Rasila Panchal

Garba Performance Last year was amazing with our garba performance at Peterborough Festival, Bretton Festival, Millfield Festival and of course Diwali Celebrations. All ladies who participated had great time coming out for weekly practice, enjoyed the social interaction, felt like a weekly workout

to improve strengthen muscles and in return improve mobility. We would love to continue with this and would love to have more people join in.

We also organised Garba lessons leading up to Navratri for those non Gujaratis who want to enjoy doing Garba at Navratri. Those who attended, enjoyed these classes and found them useful and felt more confident doing the steps at Navratri

Alzheimer's Support Group – Rasila Panchal

Alzheimer's Support Sessions As you're all aware, Dementia is on the rise within all communities. A lot of the time diagnosis missed due to not being aware of signs and symptoms. In some cases families feel they'll be judged, may feel embarrassed, have language barrier, find it difficult to access to GP's or not aware of what support is available along with many other barriers they may be facing. Having listened to many carers about this, I have started up by-weekly support sessions at BHS. We have huge support from Peterborough Alzheimer's Centre who try and attend these sessions. They often bring along other professionals whose experience and information is invaluable. Carers have benefited from these and have managed to gain support for themselves and for their loved ones with dementia. During these sessions carers can mingle, share strategies they use, share/direct others who need support, sit and have refreshments, etc. I have recently compiled a booklet with information about Dementia in English and Gujarati and in the process of adding information in Hindi, Tamil and Telugu languages too along with contact details for various support avenues. Do try and come to these sessions.

New building project – Rock Road

We are very much aware of the serious concerns regarding the update on new building on our present site. Unfortunately, Peterborough City Council's administration keeps changing and the final decision seems to keep on delaying.

For a few months last year, PCC were doing asset reconciliation exercise across all their sites in Peterborough and were going to provide us with a list of alternative sites but at the end of this process only 2 sites were identified as a potential match for our needs. We explored both these 2 options and the whole committee went to view one of the sites but due to the access it was deemed unsuitable.

We have been promised the units 5,6,7 of the New England Complex. However, the exchange of the contract has been postponed until after the local election on 2nd May 2024. Mr Shailesh Vara MP has been talking to PCC as well. So far at the time of writing this report on 30th April 2024 this is what we know.

Jayshree Mehta on behalf of New Building Sub Committee

Wellbeing Activities Success Report - Ekta Patel

Helping People Live Better Lives:

All BHS members (paid membership) have been able to benefit from various activities in the past year (s). The initial proposition for this was presented to the BHS committee post- COVID pandemic – where it was more than important to start some activities within our samaj to promote wellbeing for our community both at mental and physical level. This was also to bring back a sense of community back and for many – it was an opportunity to make new friends.

Currently BHS provides the following activities:

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- Badminton – **FREE**
 - Yoga- **FREE**
 - Kids Bollywood dance classes – **FREE**
 - Adults mix Zumba – **FREE**
 - Garba classes – **FREE** (these are closer to Navratri time)
 - Shiamak Bollywood Dance Class – Paid class – collaborated of over 2yrs with Jumped-Up Theatre
 - Table Tennis - **FREE**

These activities have been well attended and have been successfully running:

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- Badminton and Shiamak Bollywood classes have been running for over 2 years.
 - Kids Bollywood classes and Adults mix Zumba has been regular for almost 1 year in June.
 - There are more than 120 individual members that are benefiting from these regular activities.

BHS has been able to open the venue for the above activities which benefited the samaj and its members, this was possible through the '**Wellbeing Fund**' awarded to the samaj by PCVS. These regular activities have **increased attendance** of members coming to the temple every week, it has **increased membership**, and it has brought a **positive outcome** for members health and wellbeing.

There has been great feedback (both verbal and written) – in the appreciation of these activities, some of these include:

- *'Improved confidence in my child who was really shy before starting the kids dance class',* parent.
- *'We have a strong group who look forward to play badminton'* badminton member.
- *'Zumba is something I look forward to and it has helped me improve my overall health as I have now implemented a healthy lifestyle'* – Zumba member.
- *'My daughter learnt Garba and wanted to attend all days of Navaratri at Cresset'* – Garba Parent
- *'Shiamak Bollywood classes – is for me and my time, I love it'* – member.
- *'We asked for yoga classes, Thank you for this activity in our samaj'* – Yoga member

We do want to provide more and are in constant look out for funds to sustain these activities. For anyone that would like to donate to BHS for 'Activities Fund' please get in touch with Ekta Patel in the first instance.

Sanskriti pariwaar Shakha: a year in retrospect – Amit Mehta

Shakha is part of Hindu Swayamsevak *Sangh* in the U.K. (www.hssuk.org). As sangh celebrates 60 years of Sanskaar, Sewa & Sangathan in the U.K. in 2025, Peterborough Shakha will celebrate its' 6.

At its' core, sangh exists to help our community to organise ourselves better to render SEWA in the wider society and to support Hindus to be proud of our rich dharmic traditions.

Last 12 months (highlights):

1. U.K. Hindu Khel pratiyogita - kids team entered for the very first time and were national runners up in April 2023.
2. Yorkshire 3 peaks: 100+ people attended in May 2023. Preparations for 2024 on a bigger scale underway.
3. Nene park overnight summer camping trip - June 2023
4. Hindu Support Network talk on forced religious conversion - July 2023
5. High sheriff (Dr. Bharat Khetani) talk - October 2023
6. U.K. parliament week - Nov 2023, MP Shailesh Vara in attendance
7. Ram Janmabhoomi - Shakha team supported especially printed t shirts for the occasion and mandir tidy up
8. Parliament visit - Feb 2024. Approx 40 people attended.
9. Regular Sewa activity through foodbank donations

Shakha strength and attendance continues to rise. Sevaks/ Sevika's continue to grow in a healthy, supportive environment. We enjoy very cordial relations with mandir committee and feel like we support each other for benefit of our community.

Jai Shri Ram

Peterborough Telugu Sangham Report (2023-2024)

The Peterborough Telugu Sangham, originally a small WhatsApp group founded in 2014, has grown significantly over the years, now comprising over 300 members, showcasing the increasing Telugu community presence in Peterborough. Many events are organised by PTS every year portraying the vibrancy of the community.

Key Events Organized in BHS:

1. Balaji Kalyanam (July 2023):
 - Organized by Peterborough Telugu Sangham at BHS.
 - Attended by 350-400 people.

-Kalyana Moorthi's and priests came from Birmingham. Mandir Poojari Shri Dharmesh Bhai also participated in the rituals.

2. Karthika Pournami (November 2023):

- Organized on a Monday, an auspicious day for Lord Shiva worship.
- About 100 people participated.
- Kartika Puranam was read, and many members observed a fast till the Pooja was completed.

All devotees who attended performed Ekadasha Rudrabhishekam which was divinely conducted by Mandir Poojari Shri Dharmesh Bhai.

3. Sita Rama Kalyanam (April 2024):

- Organized to commemorate Sri Rama Navami as it is an important ritual performed by Telugu diaspora all over the world.
- Extensive preparations started three days prior at BHS Mandir.
- Attended by 300 people.
- Exemplary SEWA by BHS committee members and BHS volunteers.

Acknowledgment:

The Peterborough Telugu Sangham extends sincere thanks to the Bharat Hindu Samaj (BHS) for their continued support in organizing these cultural and religious events, fostering community spirit and tradition among Telugu families in Peterborough.

Kind Regards
Peterborough Telugu Sangham

Peterborough Sri Murugan Devotees Association (Psmda)

With the support of Bhs and the teamwork from Psmda Lord Karthik Swami worship continues successfully in the year 2023 /2024

With Lord Karthik swami grace, we were able to introduce more South Indian community to the Ram Mandir

Similar to other festivals /events at the Mandir, we (ie Psmda) are also in need of sponsors for the above event. Those who are interested in sponsoring for any events please feel free to contact.

Heartfelt thanks to Bhs, Devotees, Donors, Sponsors and Volunteers for making all the events grand success.

We need the same kind of love, support and participation in the future, for us to grow organically in the right direction

Many thanks and regards Rajah Kuharajah

**BHARAT HINDU SAMAJ
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**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CASH BASIS)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

Prepared by:

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Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Bharat Hindu Samaj Charitable Trust

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above Trust for the year ended 31 March 2024, which are set out on the attached pages.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner:

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. You consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you, as trustees, concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required if an audit had been required and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act

have not been met; or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Stephen Smith
SAS Accountancy, 12 Derby Drive, Peterborough, PE1 4NQ

14 January 2025

BHARAT HINDU SAMAJ, PETERBOROUGH

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31.3.2023

31 MARCH 2024

£

£

£

INCOME

1508.28	RESTRICTED FUND RECEIVED IN	3269.33	
65239.53	SAMAJ	45598.96	
58617.04	MANDIR	68872.70	
125364.85		117740.99	
433.64	BANK INTEREST	2565.63	
125798.49			120306.62

LESS EXPENSES

601.00	RESTRICTED FUND PAID OUT	902.00	
0.00	SPONSORSHIP	0.00	
0.00	RENTED PROPERTY	0.00	
0.00	DONATIONS	2017.00	
25199.86	FESTIVALS, EVENTS and ACTIVITIES	12343.42	
18828.09	WAGES and PAYE	20440.10	
0.00	BHOG PRASHAD	0.00	
2475.56	POOJARI EXPENSES	2651.20	
0.00	LUNCH CLUB	2099.56	
0.00	GOD COLLECTION (from India)	0.00	
4668.33	GROCERIES	5859.10	
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2100.00	CLEANING COSTS	2500.00	
67166.15		69157.14	
1301.00	DEPRECIATION	1126.00	
	(PROFIT)/LOSS ON SALE OF		
0.00	FIXED ASSETS	0.00	70283.14

57331.34

NET INCOME for the YEAR

£50,023.48

BHARAT HINDU SAMAJ, PETERBOROUGH

BALANCE SHEET AS AT	31 MARCH 2024	31.3.2023
	£	£
FIXED ASSETS (per Schedule)	<u>10986.00</u>	<u>12112.00</u>
CURRENT ASSETS		
BOND & TREASURY SAVINGS ACCOUNTS	592548.48	355641.04
CURRENT ACCOUNT : Samaj	74752.15	77520.82
CURRENT ACCOUNT : Mandir	23459.74	207272.47
CASH IN HAND	<u>1777.66</u>	<u>54.22</u>
	<u>692538.03</u>	<u>640488.55</u>
LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		
CREDITORS	<u>2095.00</u>	<u>1195.00</u>
	<u>2095.00</u>	<u>1195.00</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS	690443.03	639293.55
	<u>£701,429.03</u>	<u>£651,405.55</u>
Represented by:		
ACCUMULATED FUNDS Brought Forward	651405.55	594074.21
NET INCOME for the YEAR	50023.48	57331.34
ACCUMULATED FUNDS Carried Forward :		
Unrestricted £648,803.63		
Restricted £4,535.61	-----	
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Kishor Ladwa

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Hon. Treasurer
Nagasayan Puppala

Dated: 14 January 2025

BHARAT HINDU SAMAJ, PETERBOROUGH

FIXED ASSETS FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 MARCH 2024

	VALUE @ 1.4.2023	ADDITIONS	SOLD	P / (L) ON SALE	DEPR FOR YR	VALUE @ 31.3.2024	Depr Rate
FURNITURE and FITTINGS	4144.00				-622.00	3522.00	15%
OTHER EQUIPMENT	1120.00				-224.00	896.00	20%
LEASEHOLD PROPERTY	6798.00				-272.00	6526.00	4%
ALARM SYSTEM	50.00				-8.00	42.00	15%
	<u>£12,112.00</u>	<u>£0.00</u>	<u>£0.00</u>	<u>£0.00</u>	<u>-£1,126.00</u>	<u>£10,986.00</u>	

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CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER : 274404 (UK)

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**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CASH BASIS)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

Prepared by:

**SAS Accountancy
12 Derby Drive
Peterborough
PE1 4NQ**

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Bharat Hindu Samaj Charitable Trust

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above Trust for the year ended 31 March 2024, which are set out on the attached pages.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner:

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. You consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you, as trustees, concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required if an audit had been required and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act

have not been met; or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Stephen Smith
SAS Accountancy, 12 Derby Drive, Peterborough, PE1 4NQ

14 January 2025

BHARAT HINDU SAMAJ, PETERBOROUGH

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31.3.2023

31 MARCH 2024

£

£

£

INCOME

1508.28	RESTRICTED FUND RECEIVED IN	3269.33	
65239.53	SAMAJ	45598.96	
58617.04	MANDIR	68872.70	
125364.85		117740.99	
433.64	BANK INTEREST	2565.63	
125798.49			120306.62

LESS EXPENSES

601.00	RESTRICTED FUND PAID OUT	902.00	
0.00	SPONSORSHIP	0.00	
0.00	RENTED PROPERTY	0.00	
0.00	DONATIONS	2017.00	
25199.86	FESTIVALS, EVENTS and ACTIVITIES	12343.42	
18828.09	WAGES and PAYE	20440.10	
0.00	BHOG PRASHAD	0.00	
2475.56	POOJARI EXPENSES	2651.20	
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