

# **SRI SATHYA SAI CHARITABLE TRUST UK**

## **TRUSTEES REPORT**

### ***FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2025***

The Trustees present their annual report and Receipts and Payments Accounts (financial statements) for the year ended 30 April 2025.

#### **Objective and activities**

The charity's objects and principal activities are set out in the Trust declaration in 1979 and Deed of variation dated 4 May 2018 (amended on 06 April 2023) i.e. "The Trustees shall stand possessed of the Trust fund upon trust for the charitable purposes as they shall in their absolute discretion think fit and in particular for the advancement of education and for the relief of poverty and sickness." The Trustees confirm that they have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the Trust's aims and objectives and in planning future activities and setting the grant making policy for the year. There has been no change in these during the year.

#### **Activities to achieve the objectives for public benefit:**

Advancement of Education: In the context of rising living costs in UK, and consequent strain on family finances affecting school pupils, the Trust has continued to make Financial Grants to several schools to support various amenities such as breakfast meals, school uniforms, school trips, bus passes etc.

The Trust supported Amber Bee CIC/Police Community Clubs of Great Britain in the roll out of Barney & Echo Project on Mindfulness and Internet Safety for school children In Leicester aimed at promoting children's mental wellbeing and safety on social media platforms. 11 schools in Leicester were involved benefiting 846 pupils; together with their parents, guardians and teachers, a total of 2100 people were positively impacted.

The Trust supported a special needs school with outdoor sports equipment which was identified as an essential aid to effectively manage physical and emotional health. The Trust is actively looking to increase the number of schools needing such support.

Centenary Birthday celebrations of the founder of the Trust, Sri Sathya Sai Baba, were held to bring communities together and raise awareness of living in harmony, peace, mutual understanding and respect.



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Relief of Poverty: The Trust has given Financial Grants to support the homeless, refugees, and foodbank in UK in collaboration with other charity organisations.

A financial grant was extended to plant 4000 walnut trees (a cash crop) to support the women's cooperative in the remote village of Cardak in Turkey. The grant also helped refurbish a community hall near the village, in collaboration with Mohanji Foundation, a registered UK charity.

Grants were given to upgrade accommodation facilities for volunteers who serve free of cost at the hospice, animal welfare sanctuary, foodbank, and sustainable woodland projects run by the Skanda Vale Interfaith Monastery in Wales.

Relief of Sickness: Donations were sent to Sri Sathya Sai Central Trust in India to support its free of cost hospitals. A grant was made to the Yonibana neo-natal unit in Sierra Leone in collaboration with the Better Lives Foundation, a UK registered charity, and to a young 5-year old child from Malawi who needed urgent life changing heart surgery.

These grants are made from the funds held in the Trust. All donations to the Trust were made on a voluntary basis only. No public appeals were made. The Trust makes grants to activities that align with its objects, and those of the donors when specified. There are thus several restricted fund accounts, maintained together with the premium reserve account and other current accounts which are unrestricted. The Trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the Trust should undertake.

#### **Grant making policy and monitoring achievement**

The Trust has adopted a standard form for grant applicants to complete. This outlines the benefits of the proposed activity. The Trust also seeks a feedback report on the activity to confirm it was carried out and what benefits were derived; where possible, and especially for projects undertaken in the UK, trustees also make site visits to better understand and evaluate progress and outcomes. This process facilitates the discussion of grant making within the Trust meetings. The Trust does not borrow money and therefore will only make grants if it has the assets to do so. Funds received for specific purposes are utilised for specific projects. The Trust reviews its achievements and performance within its Trust meetings.



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Apart from the above, the operational area of the Trust is to run the bookshop through its subsidiary undertaking, Sri Sathya Sai Books (UK) Ltd, which supports the charity's aims by promoting educational and spiritual literature. The operational decisions are made by the bookshop directors and the Management Team of the subsidiary company and significant reports are made to the trustees.

#### **Achievements and performances**

##### **How our grant programmes deliver public benefit:**

The charity Trustees have complied with their duty to have due regard to the guidance on public benefit published by the Charity Commission in exercising their powers or duties.

#### **Financial Review**

Funds received for specific purposes are utilised for specific projects.

It is the policy of the Trust that unrestricted funds which have not been designated for a specific use are maintained at a level as projected. The Trustees consider that reserves at this level will ensure that, in the event of a significant drop in funding, they will be able to continue the Trust's current activities while consideration is given to ways in which additional funds may be raised e.g. moving funds into higher interest-bearing accounts. This level of reserves has been maintained throughout the year.

The principal sources of income were voluntary donations to the Trust. Expenditure has been entirely aligned to the three objectives of the Trust and events to enable their advancement.

During the year the Trust received donations of £16,594 (2024 - £61,046) and investment and other income of £222,758 (2024 - £17,278).

During the year the Trust made donations of £128,189 (2024 - £206,628).

The Trustees have assessed the major risks to which the Trust is exposed and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

#### **Principal risks and uncertainties**

The Trust has a very conservative, risk free approach on investments and hence the funds



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are kept in current accounts and interest-bearing accounts either within its main bank or another bank within the UK. It holds the one and only share in its subsidiary, the Bookshop. The Trust has debated whether to make the bookshop a company limited by guarantee. It sought the guidance of legal and financial professionals in ensuring it made the best decision and this is currently under review. There is Trustee indemnity insurance in place. There is no mortgage or other loan on the property owned by the Trust, (Hay Lane bookshop) with appropriate insurance in place for the building.

The major risks to which the charity is exposed, as identified by the Trustees, have been reviewed and systems have been established to manage those risks. Advice is regularly taken from the solicitor and the insurance adviser.

#### **Plans for the future**

The Trust continues to support a diverse range of applications for grants that meet the Trust objectives such as disaster relief, medical, educational and relief of hunger primarily in the UK, but abroad as the need arises.

On 24th April 2011, the Founder of the Trust, Sri Sathya Sai Baba passed away in India. Since his passing, activities that are based on his message of "Love All Serve All" have increased in the UK and around the world.

The Trust continues to look for a site or a suitable building with grounds in a central location in UK to further spread Sri Sathya Sai Baba's universal message of love and service to humanity. It is anticipated that the building will incorporate a multipurpose community hall, a museum, a library and bookshop and provide ample parking with excellent public transport links.

#### **Cementing partnerships with strategic alliances**

The Trust continues to strengthen its existing partnerships and collaborations with various organisation in the UK which are aligned to its objects and looks to develop further new ones. The Trust believes in bringing people together to make a difference in our local communities, and hence looks actively for opportunities to build bridges.

#### **Structure, governance and management**

The Trust is a registered charity, number 278481, and is constituted under a Trust Deed



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dated 15th June 1979 and Deed of variation dated 6<sup>th</sup> April 2023 which is the governing document. This was first established as the Sri Sathya Sai World Foundation U.K., but the Trust changed its name on 25th May 1999 to Sri Sathya Sai Charitable Trust UK. The Trust is progressing plans to become a Charities Incorporated Organisation.

The Charity has a wholly owned subsidiary Sri Sathya Sai Books (UK) Limited which is incorporated in the UK. The principal activity of the subsidiary during the year was that of selling books, audios, DVDs and video cassettes. The subsidiary supports the charity aims by promoting educational and spiritual literature. It covenants its surplus / deficit to Sri Sathya Sai Charitable Trust UK. Sri Sathya Sai Books (UK) Limited and is run entirely by unpaid volunteers.

The Trustees who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements are:

Dr. Venkata Mudigonda  
Dr. Kirankumar Patel  
Mr. Khushal Jethwani  
Mr. Rajiv Kundra  
Professor Jagannadha Pawan Tamvada  
Miss. Subothini Gunasegaram

New Trustees are appointed by the Trustees after receiving nominations. Invitation is by letter asking Trustees to serve for a fixed term of no more than 5 years. After this period, they may offer themselves for re-appointment. The practical requirement for the selection of new Trustees is that they have considerable experience in some or all the areas of:

- (i) education
- (ii) medical
- (iii) financial
- (iv) legal
- (v) media/IT

On appointment, new Trustees confirm their appointment and commit their time and expertise to serve the Trust. There is no formal requirement for training of Trustees. All Trustees perform their duties on a voluntary basis and no remuneration or personal expenses are paid to any of the Board members.



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There are approximately four face to face ordinary meetings of the Trust per year with many others conducted by video conference. The Trustees agree the broad strategy and areas of activity at these meetings, consider grant making and risk management. The Trust receives requests for grants from various quarters, and consideration is given to each request based on its merits and objectives. A Trust meeting is considered quorate if at least three Trustees are present.

#### **Organisation Structure**

The Trust has three official posts - the Chairman, the Treasurer and the Secretary. Governance and Management are as described above. It is the Chairman's responsibility to ensure the Trustees meet regularly. There is a limit of seven on the total number of Trustees on the Board.

#### **Related parties**

The Charity works with other charities / organisations whose objects are aligned to it.

#### **Statement of Trustees responsibilities**

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees Report and the accounts in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the Trustees to prepare accounts for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Trust and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the Trust for that year.

In preparing these accounts, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently.
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP.
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent.
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the accounts; and
- prepare the accounts on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping sufficient accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Trust and enable them to ensure that the accounts comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and



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Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The Trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dr. Kirankumar Patel', is written over a horizontal dotted line. The signature is fluid and cursive.

Dr. Kirankumar Patel  
Secretary / Acting Treasurer

23<sup>rd</sup> February 2026





CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

SRI SATHYA SAI CHARITABLE TRUST UK

278481

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period  
from

01/05/2024

To

30/04/2025

Section A Receipts and payments

|   | Unrestricted<br>funds<br>to the<br>nearest £ | Restricted<br>funds<br>to the nearest<br>£ | Endowment<br>funds<br>to the nearest<br>£ | Total funds<br>to the nearest<br>£ | Last year<br>to the<br>nearest £ |
|---|--|--|---|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| <b>A1 Receipts</b>                                    |  |  |   |                                    |                                  |
| Donations received                                    | 9,224  | 7,370                                      | -   | 16,594                             | 61,046                           |
| Rental Income   | 10,800                                       | -  | -   | 10,800                             | 10,800                           |
| Bank interest   | 81,193                                       | 120,769                                    | -   | 201,962                            | 6,478                            |
| Gift Aid  | 3,957  | 6,039                                      | -   | 9,996                              | -                                |
|   | -  | -  | -   | -                                  | -                                |
|   | -  | -  | -   | -                                  | -                                |
|   | -  | -  | -   | -                                  | -                                |
|   | -  | -  | -   | -                                  | -                                |
| <b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>                | <b>105,174</b>                               | <b>134,178</b>                             | <b>-</b>                                  | <b>239,352</b>                     | <b>78,324</b>                    |
| <b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>    |  |  |   |                                    |                                  |
|   | -  | -  | -   | -                                  | -                                |
|   | -  | -  | -   | -                                  | -                                |
| <b>Sub total</b>                                      | <b>-</b>                                     | <b>-</b>                                   | <b>-</b>                                  | <b>-</b>                           | <b>-</b>                         |
| <b>Total receipts</b>                                 | <b>105,174</b>                               | <b>134,178</b>                             | <b>-</b>                                  | <b>239,352</b>                     | <b>78,324</b>                    |
| <b>A3 Payments</b>                                    |  |  |   |                                    |                                  |
| Donations made  | 15,500                                       | 112,689                                    | -   | 128,189                            | 206,628                          |
| Activities and events costs                           | 14,853                                       | -  | -   | 14,853                             | -                                |
| Professional fees                                     | 5,722  | -  | -   | 5,722                              | -                                |
| Administration expenses                               | 9,257  | -  | -   | 9,257                              | 30,580                           |
| Bank charges  | 125  | 38   | -   | 163                                | 290                              |
| Costs to be reimbursed                                | 704  | -  | -   | 704                                | -                                |
|   | -  | -  | -   | -                                  | -                                |
|   | -  | -  | -   | -                                  | -                                |
|   | -  | -  | -   | -                                  | -                                |
| <b>Sub total</b>                                      | <b>46,161</b>                                | <b>112,727</b>                             | <b>-</b>                                  | <b>158,888</b>                     | <b>237,498</b>                   |
| <b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b> |  |  |   |                                    |                                  |
| Fixed Asset-Sound system                              | 2,843  | -  | -   | 2,843                              | -                                |
|   | -  | -  | -   | -                                  | -                                |
| <b>Sub total</b>                                      | <b>2,843</b>                                 | <b>-</b>                                   | <b>-</b>                                  | <b>2,843</b>                       | <b>-</b>                         |
| <b>Total payments</b>                                 | <b>49,004</b>                                | <b>112,727</b>                             | <b>-</b>                                  | <b>161,731</b>                     | <b>237,498</b>                   |
| <b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>                     | <b>56,170</b>                                | <b>21,451</b>                              | <b>-</b>                                  | <b>77,621</b>                      | <b>- 159,174</b>                 |
| <b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>                     | <b>- 20,423</b>                              | <b>20,423</b>                              | <b>-</b>                                  | <b>-</b>                           | <b>-</b>                         |
| <b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>                    | <b>1,090,696</b>                             | <b>1,570,658</b>                           | <b>-</b>                                  | <b>2,661,354</b>                   | <b>-</b>                         |
| <b>Cash funds this year end</b>                       | <b>1,126,443</b>                             | <b>1,612,532</b>                           | <b>-</b>                                  | <b>2,738,975</b>                   | <b>- 159,174</b>                 |

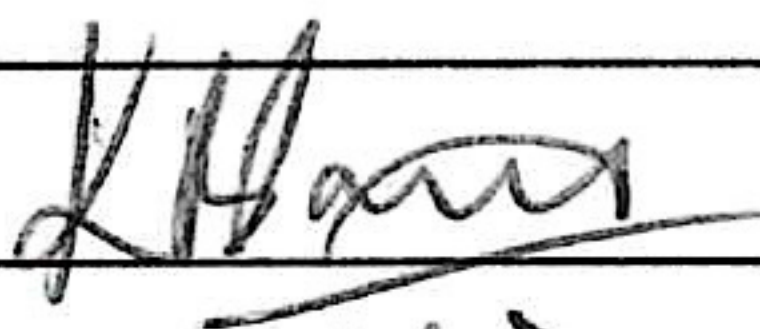
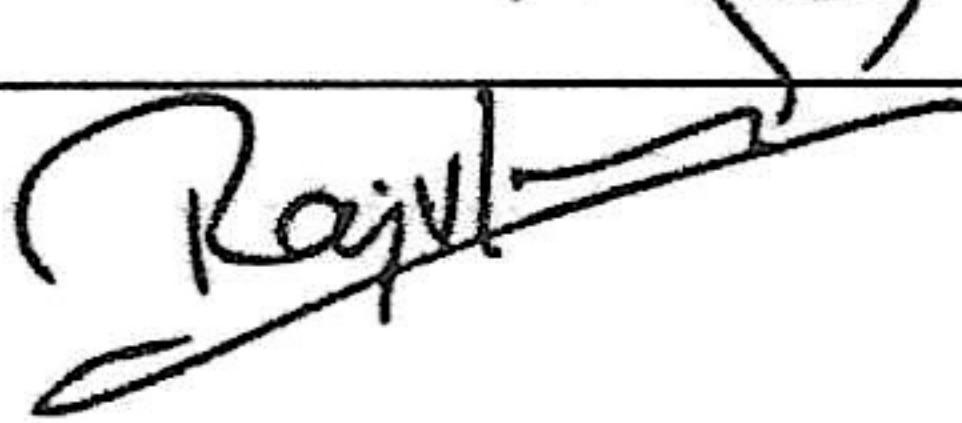


# Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

| Categories                                   | Details  | Unrestricted funds to nearest £ | Restricted funds to nearest £ | Endowment funds to nearest £ |
|--|--|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|
| B1 Cash funds                                | Bank balance   | 1,083,497                       | 1,655,478                     | -                            |
|  |  | -                               | -                             | -                            |
|  |  | -                               | -                             | -                            |
|  | <b>Total cash funds</b>                                | <b>1,083,497</b>                | <b>1,655,478</b>              | <b>-</b>                     |
|  | (agree balances with receipts and payments account(s)) | Agreement Error                 | Agreement Error               | OK                           |
|  | Details  | Unrestricted funds to nearest £ | Restricted funds to nearest £ | Endowment funds to nearest £ |
| B2 Other monetary assets                     | Other receivables                                      | 41,717                          | -                             | -                            |
|  |  | -                               | -                             | -                            |
|  |  | -                               | -                             | -                            |
|  |  | -                               | -                             | -                            |
|  |  | -                               | -                             | -                            |
|  |  | -                               | -                             | -                            |
|  |  | -                               | -                             | -                            |
|  | Details  | Fund to which asset belongs     | Cost (optional)               | Current value (optional)     |
| B3 Investment assets                         | Freehold property                                      | Unrestricted Funds              | 118,293                       | 450,000                      |
|  |  |                                 | -                             | -                            |
|  |  |                                 | -                             | -                            |
|  |  |                                 | -                             | -                            |
|  |  |                                 | -                             | -                            |
|  | Details  | Fund to which asset belongs     | Cost (optional)               | Current value (optional)     |
| B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use | Sound system   | Unrestricted Funds              | 2,843                         | 2,843                        |
|  |  |                                 | -                             | -                            |
|  |  |                                 | -                             | -                            |
|  |  |                                 | -                             | -                            |
|  |  |                                 | -                             | -                            |
|  |  |                                 | -                             | -                            |
|  |  |                                 | -                             | -                            |
|  |  |                                 | -                             | -                            |
|  |  |                                 | -                             | -                            |
|  |  |                                 | -                             | -                            |
|  | Details  | Fund to which liability relates | Amount due (optional)         | When due (optional)          |
| B5 Liabilities                               |  |                                 | -                             |                              |
|  |  |                                 | -                             |                              |
|  |  |                                 | -                             |                              |
|  |  |                                 | -                             |                              |
|  |  |                                 | -                             |                              |



Signed by one or two trustees  
on behalf of all the trustees

| Signature  | Print Name          | Date of approval |
|--|---------------------|------------------|
|  | Dr Kirankumar Patel | 23/02/2026       |
|  | Mr Rajiv Kundra     | 23/02/2026       |





Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

SRI SATHYA SAI CHARITABLE TRUST UK

On accounts for the year  
ended

30 APRIL 2025

Charity no  
(if any)

278481

Set out on pages

1 to 3

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 30/04/2025.

Responsibilities and  
basis of report

As the charity's trustees, 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 all 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 (other than that disclosed below \*) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content 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.

\* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

Date:

23/02/2026

Name:

AJAY DINKERRAI PANDIT

Relevant professional  
qualification(s) or body  
(if any):

ACCA

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**Section B**

**Disclosure**

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

**Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.**