

REPORT OF TRUSTEES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

OBJECTIVES OF THE CHARITY

The principle objective of the Charity as defined by the constitution is the promotion of the Hindu religion through educational, cultural and social activities.

STRUCTURE/ORGANISATION OF THE CHARITY

At present there are 3 Legal Trustees appointed by the Managing Trustees for an indefinite term. There are 15 Managing Trustees elected by the Charity's membership to hold office for a period of 2 years, and the next Elections will be this year in September.

REVIEW OF ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS

The current committee has been very pro-active and provided much needed services during difficult and good times! The Committee has worked tirelessly to serve the increasing Hindu community and congregation of Nottingham and Nottinghamshire. The attendance at religious and cultural events, as well as the Sunday service, has increased to record breaking levels. Nonetheless, the Temple has provided the required religious services and ensured that no devotee goes without bhojan (food). Following major Murti installations, the building works have continued, and as can be expected with a large old building, there is constant maintenance. A heartfelt thank you to all the yajmans and donors for supporting the Temple with both in kind volunteering support and financial donations. Every penny counts and helps with the running costs.

All the main Hindu and Indian Festivals including Hindu New Year; Lohri; Shivratri; Hanuman Jayanti; Dusshera and Diwali were celebrated. The needs of every age group have been considered and services provided: Yoga Class; Shakha; Kala Niketan Hindi School, and Friday Social Club. We also continue to support Sewaday once a month with cooking food for the homeless that is served in the City Centre. The success of the Temple and all the services it offers depends upon the active participation and donations from the public. At a time of austerity and recession, the Committee is making appeals for additional donations of long-life grains and rice; dry fruit and nuts and/or cash donations that will help it to continue to offer preeti bhojan every Sunday and at all major festivals. The Hindu Temple website has been moved to a new platform and all events and news can be updated daily. There is increased use of emails and WhatsApp (with around 1000 members) messages that enable the Temple to engage immediately with its congregation.

The aim of the Committee is to make the Temple a welcoming place of worship for all devotees and leave a legacy for the future and to accommodate the increasing congregation. Therefore, next year consideration will be given to: the extension of the current building and/or purchase a new property and/or installation of marquee at major festivals. We want to meet the needs of all devotees and ensure the continuity of all future Hindu cultural and religious services, thus need to have strong financial reserves in place.

I want to take this opportunity to thank the: Trustees, Committee Members; Cooks; Cleaners; and the army of volunteers who have all worked tirelessly to organise and deliver the services at the Temple. I look forward to your support at the forthcoming Elections in November 2024.

On behalf of The Managing Trustees, I believe and endorse that the accounts are a true reflection of the financial position for the year ended 31 March 2024.

Hindu Temple Cultural & Community Centre
Income & Expenditure Account for the
year ended 31 March 2024

		<u>2024</u>		<u>2023</u>
	£	£	£	£
<u>Incoming Resources:</u>				
Donations	91,624		83,272	
Sanskar TV	-		4,130	
Social club	1,410		399	
Navagraha	14,907		2,938	
Shiv ling	-		47,757	
Sanskar/Puja/Havan	5,090		6,692	
Weekly Collections	17,827		16,301	
Membership	2,167		1,960	
Deed of covenant	10,412		10,597	
Tax refund (Gift Aid)	37,461		18,688	
Rent received	6,345		12,127	
House rent received	7,322		6,025	
Interest on reserve account	2,568		1,057	
Interest on capital account	299		-	
Sundry income	8,265		2,977	
		<u>205,697</u>		<u>214,920</u>
Total Receipts		205,697		214,920

Less Expenditures:

Wages / Salary & NI	21,109		19,497	
Electricity, gas and water	19,155		6,218	
Repairs and maintenance temple	23,391		68,012	
Repairs and maintenance house	291		281	
Cleaning and waste disposal	9,765		8,397	
Insurance	12,274		8,991	
Telephone postage and stationery	3,165		2,068	
Legal fees	1,299		-	
Accountancy fees	540		540	
Sunday bhog expenses	7,753		6,353	
Festival expenses / other expense	21,346		21,724	
Dakshna / Donations / Subscription	1,053		4,323	
Social club expenses	4,274		7,010	
Sump charge	486		655	
		<u>125,901</u>		<u>154,069</u>
<u>Surplus / (deficit) for the year</u>		<u>79,796</u>		<u>60,851</u>

<i>Funds at 1 April 2023</i>	<i>1,200,141</i>	<i>Mar -22</i>	<i>1,139,290</i>
<i>Funds at 31 March 2024</i>	<i>1,279,937</i>	<i>Mar -23</i>	<i>1,200,141</i>

Hindu Temple Cultural & Community Centre

Independent Examiner's report

for the year ended 31 March 2024

Independent Examiners Report to the trustees of Hindu Temple Cultural and Community Centre of Nottingham
215 Carlton Road, Nottingham

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31 March 2024, which are set out on page 4 & 5.

Respective responsibility of trustee and Examiner

As the Charity's trustees you are responsible for preparation of the accounts; you consider that the Audit requirements of the section 43 (2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the Act) does not apply. It is my Responsibility to state, on the basis of procedures specified in the General Directions given by the Charity commission under the section 43 (7) (b) of the Act, whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of my independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general direction given by the Charity Commissioners. 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 unused items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking of explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and subsequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent examiner's report

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

- 1) Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements:
 - * To keep accounting records in accordance with section 41 of the Act: and
 - * To prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the 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.



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