

**Dharmaj Society of London**  
**Registered Charity 1070401**

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**Statement of accounts**  
**For year ended 15 August 2020**

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**Legal and administrative information**

**Status**

Dharmaj Society of London (DHASOL) is a registered charity, registered with The Charity Commission for England & Wales since 6th July 1998.

DHASOL was established as a members organisation during 1967-68. The management and wellbeing of the society is vested in The Executive Board by virtue of amendments to the original constitution adopted at the AGMs held on 24 February 2008 and 23 April 2014.

Membership to DHASOL is available to qualifying individuals upon payment of subscription as set by the executive board and reviewed at regular intervals.

The Executive Board will comprise President, Chief Executive, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Five Trustees.

The Trustees shall be elected at the AGM for a term of up to five years and shall be eligible for re-election. They shall be responsible for overseeing the overall well being of Society and shall act in an advisory capacity to support Executive Board and Executive Committee. By virtue of their Trusteeship, the Trustees shall be members of the Executive Board.

**Executive Board**

Kamleshbhai M Patel, Chief Executive  
Mukund R S Patel , President  
Pradip K Patel, Vice President  
Bindeshbhai R Patel, Treasurer  
Mrs Rashmi K Patel, Secretary

**Trustees**

Manharbhai Hirabhai Patel  
Dinubhai Raojibhai Patel  
Bhupendrakumar Ambalal Patel  
Bhaskar Manubhai Patel  
Saurabh Babubhai Patel

**Registered Office**

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**Operating address**

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**Independent Examiner**

Ashok Patel FCCA, A P Smith & Co, Chartered Certified Accountants  
83 Higher Drive, Purley, Surrey CR8 2HN

**Bankers**

National Westminster Bank plc  
Metro Bank Plc

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The executive committee present their annual report and the financial statements for the year ended 15 August 2020.

**Aims, Objectives and Activities**

The primary aims and objectives of DHASOL shall be to carry out charitable acts for the public good in the UK, particularly in London where most of the Society's membership resides, and in Dharmaj. Its acts shall be guided by the oldest traditions of the Hindu way of life : to promote harmony in community, to support education, to provide care and welfare for the aged, ill, disabled, poor or deprived, and to stage, create or facilitate recreation and social activities for its members

Events are organised on regular basis throughout the year that help the society to achieve these objectives which include:

- \* Annual members' gatherings - social meet & greet with light entertainment for families and invited guests.
- \* Dinner Dance and musical events
- \* Cultural festivities
- \* Cricket club
- \* Ladies club
- \* Youth events
- \* Barbecues and outings

**Results and review of activities**

The results for the year are set out on the annexed pages.

The committee is pleased to report that DHASOL has continued to make good progress towards our objectives.

DHASOL continues organising regular cultural and community activities for the benefit of members and local community. However, during 2019-20 our annual events, Navaratri, Summer Barbecue, AGM 20 and other booked events had to be cancelled, in adherence to emergency Covid-19 rules. The ongoing Covid-19 rules have had a severe impact in our ability to function as a charity to serve the needs of our community.

The Trustees being unable to hold the AGM scheduled for April 20, acting in the best interests of DHASOL under good governance, elected to cancel the requirement to hold AGM 20 and instead called a special meeting of full committee on 31.07.20 to conduct business reserved for AGMs. At this meeting Society's 2019 accounts, were formally approved and the executive committee dissolved setting path for election for fresh committee and election of office bearers for new term ahead. The building works to adopt Kenton Road property for community use have continued at slower pace than anticipated under Covid-19 related limitations. The facilities are expected to become fully functional in early part of 2021, subject to restoration of normal conditions.

**Fixed Assets**

Full disclosures of all matters relating to fixed assets are set out in notes to the financial statements.

**Future Strategy**

The society plans to continue on a path of activities as outlined above with an aim of achieving social wellbeing for members and the wider community and target assisting further worthwhile causes that benefit the general population here in the U K and elsewhere

We aim to maximise the use of society's existing asset base and widen the scope of our social and cultural activities for wider benefit of the community in furtherance of our stated objectives with the involvement and greater participation of younger members.



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**Reserves Policy**

The management committee has established a policy whereby unrestricted funds are being accumulated with the aim of building up sufficient reserves to meet contingencies and to repay bank loan earlier. The notes to the accounts explain movements in these reserves.

**Investment Policy**

The management committee has concluded that funds be held in a manner that allows higher liquidity and has sought to place surplus funds on short term deposits with established banking institutions in the UK offering best interest rates.

**Risk Review**

The management committee has conducted its own review of the major risks to which the charity is likely to be exposed and feels that no major external threats exist. Internal risks are minimised by implementation of procedures of authorisation of all transactions and projects and to ensure consistent quality of delivery for all operational aspects of the society. The procedures are monitored and periodically reviewed by the trustees to ensure that they continue to meet the society's needs.

**Trustees Responsibilities**

The Charities Act requires the trustees to keep proper books of account and prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of the affairs of the charity and of the results for that year. In preparing these the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures being disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the society will continue its activities .

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 1993. 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.

**Members of the management committee**

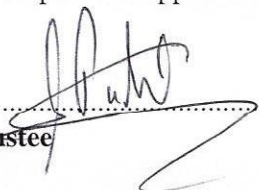
Members of the management committee who operate the society are listed on page 1 of the report.

**Independent Examiner**

Ashok Patel FCCA of A P Smith & Co., Chartered Certified Accountants was appointed as an Independent Examiner and his appointment will be re-confirmed at the Annual General Meeting.

In the preparation of this report the trustees have taken advantage of the exemptions applicable to smaller charities as conferred by Charities Act 1993.

This report was approved by the Trustees today and signed on their behalf by

  
.....  
Trustee

date.. 22/3/21

**Independent Examiner's Report on the Financial Statements to the Trustees & Members  
of Dharmaj Society of London  
Financial Statements for year ended 15 August 2020  
set out on pages 5 - 10**

**Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner**

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the 1993 Act) but an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- (a) examine the accounts under section 43 of the 1993 Act,
- (b) follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 43(7)(b) of the 1993 Act, and
- (c) state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

**Basis of independent examination**

My examination was carried out in accordance with 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 the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, 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:
  - (a) to keep accounting records in accordance with section 41 of the 1993 Act; and
  - (b) to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 1993 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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**Ashok Patel, FCCA**

A P Smith & Co.  
Chartered Certified Accountants  
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Date: 30 APRIL 2021

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**Statement of Financial Activities**  
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	Notes	£ Unrestricted	£ Restricted	2020 £ Total	2019 £
<b>Incoming resources</b>					
<b>Incoming resources from generated funds:</b>					
<i>Voluntary income</i>					
Donations & memberships	9	61,269	2,037	63,306	22,034
Tax refunds		-	-	-	-
<i>Activities for generating funds</i>					
Rent received		5,300		5,300	11,000
<b>Incoming resources from charitable activities:</b>					
Social & cultural events	3	18,904		18,904	30,271
Total incoming resources		<u>85,473</u>	<u>2,037</u>	<u>87,510</u>	<u>63,305</u>
<b>Resources expended</b>					
<b>Costs of generating funds</b>					
Costs of generating voluntary income					
Charitable activities	4	38,418	-	38,418	58,023
Total resources expended		<u>38,418</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>38,418</u>	<u>58,023</u>
Net incoming resources before transfers		47,055	2,037	49,092	5,282
Transfers		-	-	-	(36)
Total Funds at 16 August 2019		<u>595,417</u>	<u>34,021</u>	<u>629,438</u>	<u>624,192</u>
Total Funds at 15 August 2020		<u>642,472</u>	<u>36,058</u>	<u>678,530</u>	<u>629,438</u>

The notes on pages 7 to 10 form an integral part of these financial statements



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**Balance Sheet**  
**as at 15 August 2020**

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		2020	2019
	Note	£	£
<b>Fixed assets</b>	<b>2</b>	1,178,023	139,969
<b>Current Assets</b>			
Debtors & prepayments	6	1,861	2,300
Cash at bank		69,580	486,465
Cash in hand		164	1,447
		<u>71,605</u>	<u>490,212</u>
<b>Creditors: amounting falling due within one year</b>			
Accruals & Other creditors	7	40,000	-
Subscriptions in advance	5	1,097	743
		<u>41,097</u>	<u>743</u>
<b>Net Current Assets</b>		<u>30,508</u>	<u>489,469</u>
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>		1,208,531	629,438
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year</b>	<b>8</b>	530,001	-
<b>Net Assets</b>		<u>678,530</u>	<u>629,438</u>
<b>Represented by :</b>			
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General funds		642,472	595,417
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Aarti collections	10	26,259	24,222
Miscellaneous		9,799	9,799
Dharmaj projects		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
		36,058	34,021
<b>Net Funds</b>		<u>678,530</u>	<u>629,438</u>

I approve the above balance sheet and the annexed statement of financial activities for year ended 15 August 2020 and authorise it to be presented at the next AGM for members' approval.

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On behalf of Trustees

date 22/3/21

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**1. Accounting Policies**

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**1.1. Accounting convention**

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention

**1.2. Subscriptions**

Life membership fees are credited to revenue account in equal instalments over ten years from the date of receipt. Annual membership are written off to revenue account in year of receipt.

**1.3. Donations Received**

Receipts are accounted for on basis of cash collected during the year. Donations received in foreign currency are converted at exchange rate applicable at time of receipt.

**1.4. Tangible fixed assets and depreciation**

Depreciation has been provided at rates calculated to write off the cost or residual value of each asset over its expected useful life and has been reasonably computed and consistently applied as follows :

Land and buildings	-	not depreciated
Leasehold properties	-	not depreciated
Fixtures, fittings and equipment	-	25 % per annum on reducing balance

**2. Fixed assets**

	Land and buildings freehold	Land and buildings leasehold	Equipment	Total
	£	£	£	£
<b>Cost</b>				
At 16 August 2019	-	138,000	14,698	152,698
Additions	1,038,546	-	-	1,038,546
At 15 August 2020	1,038,546	138,000	14,698	1,191,244
<b>Depreciation</b>				
At 16 August 2019	-	-	12,729	12,729
Charge for the year	-	-	492	492
At 15 August 2020	-	-	13,221	13,221
<b>Net book values</b>				
At 15 August 2020	1,038,546	138,000	1,477	1,178,023
At 15 August 2019	-	138,000	1,969	139,969

Leasehold land and buildings represents long leasehold flat bequeathed to the society by a former life member and has been capitalised at estimated current market value.



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**3. Social and cultural events**

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			2020	2019
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
	£	£	£	£
Gross revenue				
Musical events	2,790		2,790	4,375
Hall hire	-		-	-
Drama	2,691		2,691	7,067
Garba	13,423		13,423	12,077
Barbecue	-		-	6,752
	<u>18,904</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>18,904</u>	<u>30,271</u>
Direct expenses				
Annual gathering	4,165		4,165	25,747
Membership communication	-		-	-
Donations to UK Charities	1,000		1,000	601
Musical events	3,377		3,377	3,896
Garba	15,869		15,869	16,769
Barbecue	-		-	5,471
	<u>24,411</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>24,411</u>	<u>52,484</u>

**4 Total resources expended**

	Events	Governance	2020	2019
	£	£	Total	Total
	£	£	£	£
Costs directly allocated to activities				
Event costs	19,246		19,246	26,136
Support costs not allocated to activities				
Annual gathering & AGM	4,165		4,165	25,747
Meeting room hire		150	150	250
Insurance		2,646	2,646	495
Affiliation fees/ contributions		185	185	-
Donations - UK Charities	1,000		1,000	601
Bank charges		59	59	2
Loan interest		7,149	7,149	-
Light & heat		-	-	-
Rent & rates		-	-	80
Repairs & Cleaning		-	-	-
Subscription		-	-	-
Independent accountant's fees		300	300	300
Computer & web costs		420	420	320
Telephone, postage & stationery		2,452	2,452	2,536
Legal & professional		155	155	902
Depreciation		492	492	656
Miscellaneous		(1)	(1)	(2)
Total resources expended	<u>24,411</u>	<u>14,007</u>	<u>38,418</u>	<u>58,023</u>

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**5. Life membership funds**

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	2020	2019
	£	£
At 16 August 2019	743	964
Subscriptions received in year	606	105
	<u>1,349</u>	<u>1,069</u>
Annual proportion transferred to revenue	252	326
At 15 August 2020	<u>1,097</u>	<u>743</u>

**6. Debtors & prepayments**

	2020	2019
Deposits & prepayments	1,861	2,300
Debtors	-	-
	<u>£1,861</u>	<u>£2,300</u>

Deposits and payments made in advance against activities to be held in future have been carried forward to be charged and accounted for against activities anticipated in future.

**7. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year**

	2020	2019
	£	£
Other creditors	40,000	-
	<u>40,000</u>	<u>-</u>

**8. Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year**

	2020	2019
	£	£
Members' loans	530,001	-
	<u>530,001</u>	<u>-</u>

Members' loans represent interest free advances by members to assist the society to acquire suitable freehold property for society's use.

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**9. Membership and donations**

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		2020	2019
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
	£	£	Total
General donations	60,814		19,235
Donations - special	203		601
Life membership	252		326
Raffle surplus	-		-
Directory advertisements	-		-
Aarti collections		2,037	1,872
	<u>61,269</u>	<u>2,037</u>	<u>22,034</u>

**10. Aarti Collections (Navratri)**

Aarti collections at annual Navratri festivals have been considered as donations for restricted activities.

	2020	2019
Funds held at the beginning of the year	24,222	22,386
Funds collected during the year	2,037	1,872
Funds applied during the year	-	(36)
Funds held at the end of year	<u>£26,259</u>	<u>£24,222</u>

The trustees have an absolute discretion in choosing a suitable cause to apply accumulated Aarti funds.

**11. Trustees remuneration & related party transactions**

Dhasol trustees and committee members provide their services to the society on voluntary basis and furthermore do not claim reimbursement for incidental travel and other expenses incurred in performance of their duties for the society.

No trustee or other person related to the charity had any personal interest in any contract or transaction entered into by the charity during the year.