Shree Kutch Satsang Swaminarayan Temple South East London (Registered Charity No. 292934) Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2023

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The Trustees submit their annual report together with the financial statements of Shree Kutch Satsang Swaminarayan Temple, South East London (the Charity) for the year ended 31 March 2023. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in the notes to the accounts and comply with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland published in October 2019.

Trustees	Parbat Shivji Kerai	President
	Dhanji Premji Kanji	
	Harish Dhanji Hirani	Secretary
	Nilesh Bhimji Pindoria	
	Parbat Premji Ruda	Treasurer
	Dhanji Mavji Kerai	
	Hirji Premji Patel	
	Jayantilal Kerai	
	Dharmendra Kesra	
	Virji Velji Bhudia	
	Rashik Bhikhalal Banderi	
	Jayant Parbat Hirani	
	Khushal Parbat Ruda	
	Ramji Premji Patel	
	Hirji Kanji Bhudia	
	Mehul Virji Bhudia	
	Vasudev Ramji Panchani	Resigned 16/12/2022
	Sunil Assani	
	Jignesh Parbat Hirani	
	Haresh Vekariya	
	Bhaven Pathak	
	Vinay Parbat Kerai	
	Arvind Bhanderi	Appointed 10/06/2023
Holding Trustees	Dhanji Premji Kanji	
	Virji Velji Bhudia	
	Premji Bhimji Manji	
	Mavji Devji Kerai	
	Parbat Shivji Kerai	
Registered Charity	292934	
Registered Office	St Margaret's Grove	
	Plumstead	
	London SE18 7RL	

Independent Examiner:	Nunn Hayward LLP	
	2-4 Packhorse Road	
	Gerrards Cross	
	Buckinghamshire	
	SL9 7QE	
Principal Bankers:	Barclays Bank plc	
	41 Woolwich New Road	
	Woolwich	
	London SE18 6NU	

Governance and Management

The Charity is primarily governed by the Constitution adopted on 8 September 1985 and as amended on 6 November 1998 and 1 February 2014.

The constitution requires that the management of the Charity is directed by an Executive Committee which is elected annually (at the AGM) and comprises of six or more members. The Constitution allows the committee to co-opt further members.

The Trustees of the Charity are the members of the Committee who collectively manage the affairs of the Charity in line with governing document. Decisions are made in the Annual General and monthly meetings.

Training is provided to new Trustees as required, however, most Trustees are already familiar with the practical work of the Charity when they are appointed.

There are no key management of the Charity other than the Trustees. No Trustee was paid or had expenses reimbursed during the period.

The constitution provides for there to be five individual persons ("Holding Trustees") who shall be appointed, subject to the qualifications stated in the constitution, to hold the title to all real or personal property acquired by or on behalf of the Charity. The title to the freehold properties included in the accounts is vested in the names of the Holding Trustees who are members of the management committee and are noted in the table of trustees at the beginning of this report.

Objects of the Charity

The aims and objects of the Charity as stated in the constitution are:

- The Charity was established to promote the Hindu faith in accordance with the principles and faiths of Lord Swaminarayan
 and to advance the religious education of the public in such principles as laid down in "Shikshapatri" and "Vachanamrat"
 and as per the literature approved by Shreeji Maharaj and/or Acharayas of the two holy seats (Narnarayan and
 Laxminayaran Dev) and/or Shri "Narnarayan Dev" Temple Bhuj (Kutch);
- To relieve the aged, the poor, the sick and the disabled;
- To give education to children in Gujarati language in order to propagate the faith of Swaminarayan and of Hinduism;
- To build a Temple wherein the above teachings shall be practised.

Public Benefit

The Trustees have had due regard to the Charity Commission Guidance on public benefit and confirm that the Charity's objectives benefit the public in a number of ways i.e. the provision of regular public worship and sacred space for private prayer and/or contemplation. Activities for all ages including music and language lessons, hospitality and cultural events are held through-out the year.

Activities, Achievements and Performance

The Charity's objectives continue to be met through various means and activities.

- Daily Aarti and religious activities including kirtans etc are held.
- All key religious festivals are observed and celebrated by the devotees.
- Revered Saints from India regularly visit the temple and hold discourses.
- Yuvak Mandal activities are continuing, promoting and teaching religious principles to youths.
- Gujarati and cultural classes are held every week with a consistent turnout.
- Indian music classes held with qualified instructors and summer classes for the youths to learn musical instruments such as harmonium, tabla, dhol and others.
- Seminars and events are held on a regular basis to raise awareness on key issues.

The Temple would not be able to provide such a wide service to the members and community at large without the continued support of a large number of willing members and devotees who give their services voluntarily.

Risk Management

The Trustees identify the major risks to which the Charity is exposed to on an annual basis when preparing and updating a strategic plan, in particular, those areas related to the operations and finances of the Charity. The Trustees then review any major risks which have been identified and establish systems to mitigate those risks.

Among the risks of the Charity are those related to the continued maintenance of the new temple building and the related compliance with laws and regulations. The risks have been reviewed and mitigated by implementing applicable policies.

The Trustees have also put in place appropriate internal controls and monitoring procedures, including expenditure authorisation controls and review to minimise financial risks.

Financial Review

The Trustees consider the results and the financial position of the Charity to be satisfactory. The surplus for the year was £143,887 (2022: £58,012) as shown on page 6 of the accounts. The total funds at the year-end stand at £5,441,205 (2022: £5,297,318). The Charity is in a strong financial position at the year end and the Board of Trustees are satisfied with the performance of the Charity during the year.

Reserves Policy

The Charity's unrestricted funds are largely represented by the investment in the Temple.

The Trustees have established a policy whereby the unrestricted funds not committed or invested in tangible fixed assets ('free reserves') held by the Charity should be at least £200,000 in general funds. At this level of reserves, the Trustees feel that they would be able to satisfactorily continue current activities of the Charity.

To reduce the risk of over expenditure, procedures for authorisation of all transactions and projects exist. To further mitigate the risks, the Trustees will carry out periodic reviews of the progress of objectives stated.

Investments Policy

The majority of the Charity's funds are held in deposit accounts which are considered relatively risk free and achieve a steady return whilst being readily available for the current and future plans of the Charity.

Fixed Assets

Changes in fixed assets are shown in the notes to the accounts.

Future Developments and Post Balance Sheet Events

The Charity is implementing various activities on a regular basis.

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the Financial Statements 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 Financial Statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the Charity for that period. In preparing these Financial Statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles of the Charities SORP 2015 (FRS 102);
- make judgements and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the Financial Statements; and
- prepare the Financial Statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Charity will continue to operate.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy the financial position of the Charity and enable them to ensure that the Financial Statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the applicable Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the constitution. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and hence, taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approval

This report was approved by the Trustees on 23 01 202 and signed on their behalf.

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Mr Parbat Shivji Kerai President

Mr Parbat Premji Ruda Treasurer

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Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Shree Kutch Satsang Swaminarayan Temple South East London

I report on the accounts for the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Shree Kutch Satsang Swaminarayan Temple for the year ended 31 March 2023 as set out on pages 6 to 15.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 (the Act).

I report in respect of my examination of the Charity'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 which gives me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- The accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the 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 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.

Arvin Assani FCCA CTA Nunn Hayward LLP Chartered Accountants 2-4 Packhorse Road Gerrards Cross Buckinghamshire SL9 7QE

Date: 23/01/2024

Shree Kutch Satsang Swaminarayan Temple South East London (Registered Charity No. 292934) Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

	2023 Unrestricted £	Total £	2022 Unrestricted £	Total £
Income				
Donations and legacies	268,902	268,902	171,374	171,174
Income from investments	121,021	121,021	65,502	65,502
Total income	389,923	389,923	236,876	236,876
Expenditure on Charitable activities				
Congregational Food for deities,	209,486	209,486	152,384	152,384
volunteers, and devotees	36,550	36,550	26,480	26,480
Total expenditure	246,036	246,036	178,864 	178,864
Net gains on revaluation of investment property	•		-	1
Net Income	143,887	143,887	58,012	58,012
Transfers between funds			-	(-
Net movement in funds	143,887	143,887	58,012	58,012
Reconciliation of funds Total funds brought forward	5,297,318	5,297,318	5,239,306	5,239,306
Total funds carried forward	5,441,205	5,441,205	5,297,318	5,297,318

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year. All income and expenditure arises from continuing activities.

The notes on pages 8 - 15 form part of these accounts

Shree Kutch Satsang Swaminarayan Temple South East London (Registered Charity No. 292934) Balance Sheet As At 31 March 2023

			2023		2022
	Notes	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets		2			
Tangible fixed assets	8	3,835,765		3,821,463	
Investment property	9	550,000		550,000	
			4,385,765		4,371,463
Current assets				100 A. 100 B.	
Money held by Bhuj Temple		2,295		2,342	
Debtors	10	185,292		157,175	
Bank deposit accounts		822,770		621,219	
Bank current account		72,653		157,947	
Cash in hand		8,071		27,972	
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		1,091,081		966,655	
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	11	35,641		40,800	
Net current assets			1,055,440		925,855
Total assets less current liabilities			5,441,205		5,297,318
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Net assets			5,441,205		5,297,318
Funds of the Charity					
Restricted funds			_		
Unrestricted funds			5,150,289		5,006,402
			290,916		290,916
Revaluation reserve			230,310		230,310
Total charity funds	12		5,441,205		5,297,318
					Protocol (Marcola Constraint)

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on. 23 01 2024 and signed on its behalf by:

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Mr Parbat Shivji Kerai President

Mr Parbat Premji Ruda Treasurer

The notes on pages 8 - 15 form part of these accounts

1. Statutory Information

Shree Kutch Satsang Swaminarayan Temple - South East London is an unincorporated registered charity governed by its constitution adopted on 8 September 1985, as amended on 6 November 1998 and 1 February 2014. The Charity's registered and principal office is St Margaret's Grove, Plumstead, London SE18 7RL.

The financial statements are presented in sterling which is the functional currency of the Charity and rounded to the nearest £1.

2. Statement of Accounting Policies

The accounting policies adopted, judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below.

2.1 Basis of Preparation of the Accounts

The Charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued in October 2019 and the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Charities Act 2011 and UK Generally Accepted Practice as it applies from 1 January 2019.

The financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis under the historical cost convention. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note(s).

These financial statements are prepared in accordance with applicable charity law.

2.2 Fund Accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the Charity.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by the donor or which have been raised by the Charity for particular purposes. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in note 12 to the financial statements.

2.3 Fixed Assets

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less depreciation. Depreciation is provided on a straight line basis, in the case of freehold buildings, and on a reducing balance basis for all other assets over the expected useful lives of the assets as follows starting once the asset is brought into use:

Freehold property and improvements

no depreciation is provided on the freehold land. Depreciation on freehold buildings is calculated to write off the cost of the buildings over their estimated useful life. The rate used is 1% on a straight line basis.

2. Accounting Policies (continued)

2.3	Fixed Assets (continued)	
	Gold jewellery	the scrap value of the jewellery is reviewed each year and the trustees consider whether any impairment to the cost is required. Depreciation is not charged because the trustees consider that the residual value of the Gold is not materially different from cost.
	Musical instruments	- 15% p.a. reducing balance basis

Musical instruments	- 15% p.a. reducing balance basis
Fixtures, fittings and equipment	- 15% p a reducing balance basis

2.4 Investment Property

Investment properties are properties held to earn rentals and/or for capital appreciation. Investment properties are initially measured at cost, including transaction costs. Subsequently investment properties whose fair value can be measured reliably without undue cost or effort on an ongoing basis are measured at market value, which is deemed by the Trustees to be the fair value.

2.5 Incoming Resources

Incoming resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when the Charity becomes entitled to the income, the Trustees are virtually certain they will receive the income and the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Donations are only included in the SoFA when the Charity has unconditional entitlement to the resources.

Gift aid associated with donations is recognised according to the date of the donation.

Income from cash on deposit is included in the accounts when receivable.

Donated goods and services are recognised when entitlement has been established; when the value of the donation can be reliably measured; and there is sufficient certainty of receipt.

Rental income is recognised in the period in which the service is provided.

2.6 Resources Expended

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category.

Where resources expended are directly attributable to an activity they are allocated to it. Support, including governance, costs are entirely allocated to congregational activities. This is because the core activity of the Charity and the other activities use all but trivial levels of the support costs.

2.7 Debtors

Gift aid tax rebate is recognised according to the date of the donation.

Prepayments are recognised when costs have been expensed which are in advance of the period to which they relate. Deposits are recognised when they have been paid and are considered to be fully recoverable.

2. Accounting Policies (continued)

2.8 Creditors

Accruals are recognised when costs relating to the period have not yet been invoiced to, or paid for by, the Charity.

2.9 Foreign Currency

Assets and liabilities in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the rate of exchange ruling at the balance sheet date. Transactions in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the rate of exchange ruling at the transaction date. Exchange differences are taken into account in arriving at the net movement in funds.

2.10 Financial Instruments

The Charity only has financial assets and liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments, cash at bank, debtors and creditors. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value.

2.11 Judgements and Estimations

Preparation of the financial statements requires the Trustees to make significant judgements and estimates. The items in the financial statements where judgements and estimates have been made include:

- Investment property measured at fair value, this is deemed to be the market value which is sensitive to changes in market wide property values.
- Residual value and estimated useful life of tangible fixed assets
- Depreciation charges for tangible fixed assets sensitive to changes in the estimated economic lives and residual values of the assets. The estimated economic lives and residual values of the assets are amended when necessary to reflect current estimates based on physical condition of the assets and current market prices.

3. Donated Services

As noted in the Trustees report, the Temple would not be able to provide such a wide service to the members and community at large without the continued support of a large number of willing members and devotees who give their services voluntarily.

Where it is not onerous to collect the information and a reliable estimate of the value of the donated service or gift can be made, gifts in kind and voluntary services are included in the financial statements at market value. The income is recognised within donations and the expenditure is recognised in the relevant Statement of Financial Activities heading or asset category in the balance sheet.

In addition, the Charity has benefited from the time donated by volunteers for various services which have not been recognised in the accounts as the value cannot be estimated with sufficient reliability. These services include organising religious and cultural events, daily priest services and Prasad preparation, bookkeeping and accounting services, cleaning services and general administration services.

4. Support Costs

All support costs are included within Congregational activities as described in note 2.6

	2023	2022
	£	£
Rates	3,449	936
Light and heat	45,470	30,985
Software and license fee	40	1,078
Audit and accounting	3,600	8,400
Repairs, renewals and maintenance	10,066	9,702
Telephone	1,148	1,172
Printing, postage and stationery	375	236
Insurance	8,263	13,036
Sundry expenses	1,401	1,336
Letting agent commission	•	50
Travel Expenses	8,175	91
Donations	-	107
Instructor expenses	8,840	2,800
Bank charges	2,118	1,026
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Total	92,945	70,955
Staff Costs		
	2023	2022
	£	£
Wages and salaries	40,459	32,608
	40,459	32,608
The average number of employees, analysed by function was:		
	2023	2022
Management and administration of the Charity	3	2
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6. Trustees' Remuneration and Benefits

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2023 or for the year ended 31 March 2022.

There were no trustees' expenses paid either for the year ended 31 March 2023 or for the year ended 31 March 2022.

7. Taxation

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The Temple is a registered charity and therefore, no tax liability arises on the results for the year to the extent that income and gains are applied to the Temple's charitable objects.

8. Fixed Assets

				Fixtures,	
	Freehold	Musical		fittings and	Total
	properties	instruments	Jewellery	equipment	
Cost	£	£	£	£	£
Brought forward	3,992,980	1,676	121,809	53,315	4,169,780
Additions	-	· .	46,194	9,529	55,723
Carried forward	3,992,980	1,676	168,003	62,844	4,225,503
Depreciation					
Brought forward	319,326	1,044	-	27,948	348,317
Charge	36,092	95	-	5,234	41,421
Carried forward	355,418	1,139	-	33,182	389,738
Net book values					
As at 31 March 2023	3,637,562	537	168,003	29,662	3,835,765
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As at 31 March 2022	3,673,655	632	121,809	25,367	3,821,463

9. Investment Property

Fair value	Total £
Brought forward as at 1 April 2022	550,000
Carried forward as at 31 March 2023	550,000

The valuation of the investment property was made by the Trustees based on their assessment of its market value at the year end.

10. Debtors

	2023	2022
	£	£
Gift Aid tax rebate	28,771	-
Prepayments	3,921	5,375
Other debtors	2,600	1,800
Nursery Fund	150,000	150,000
	185,292	157,175
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11. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2023	2022
	£	£
Accruals	23,667	28,310
Other creditors	9,196	4,712
Interest free loans	2,778	7,778
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	35.641	40,800

12. Movement in funds

				Net gains on		
	Balance at	Incoming		investment		Balance at
	1.4.22	resources	Expenditure	property	Transfers	31.3.23
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds	5,006,402	389,923	246,036		•	5,150,289
Revaluation reserve	290,916	-	-	-	-	290,916
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Total funds	5,297,318	389,923	246,036	-	-	5,441,205

All assets and liabilities attach to the unrestricted funds.

13. Related Party Transactions

During the year donations totalling £25,284 (2022: £16,181) were made to the Charity by the Trustees and their related parties.

Shree Kutch Satsang Swaminarayan Temple South East London (Registered Charity No. 292934) Detailed Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 31 March 2023

		2023	
	£	£	£
	Unrestricted	Total	Total
Income			
Darshan donations	36,963	36,963	37,001
Donations	204,177	204,177	134,373
Gift Aid Tax rebate	27,762	27,762	-
Hall hire	49,401	49,401	28,404
Rental income	49,772	49,772	37,030
Catering income	17,519	17,519	-
	385,594	385,594	236,808
Gross interest received	4,329	4,329	68
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Total income	389,923	389,923	236,876
Less expenses			
Purchase of food	36,550	36,550	26,480
Temple Consumables	28,105	28,105	5,147
Rates	3,449	3,449	936
Software and license fee	40	40	1,078
Priest's wages and costs	40,459	40,459	35,602
Light and heat	45,470	45,470	30,985
Sports day expenses	6,556	6,556	-
Repairs, renewals and maintenance	10,066	10,066	9,702
Telephone	1,148	1,148	1,172
Printing, postage and stationery	375	375	236
Insurance	8,263	8,263	13,036
Audit and accounting	3,600	3,600	8,400
Sundry expenses	1,401	1,401	1,336
Bank charges	2,118	2,118	1,026
Letting agent commission	-	-	50
Instructor expenses	8,840	8,840	2,800
Travel expenses	8,175	8,175	91
Donations	-	-	107
Depreciation			
Temple – new building	36,092	36,092	36,092
Musical Instruments	95	95	112
Fixtures, fittings and equipment	5,234	5,234	4,476
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Total expenses	246,036	246,036	178,864
Net surplus for the year	143,887	143,887	58,012