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GUJARATI ASSOCIATION - WOLVERHAMPTON

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

31st MARCH 2017

Charity Number: 700625



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Trustees' Annual Report
Year Ended 31st March 2017

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MEMBERS OF THE BOARD

Registered charity name: The Gujarati Association,
Wolverhampton.

Charity number: 700625

Principal Office: The Gujarati Centre
Mander Street
Pennfields
Wolverhampton
West Midlands. WV3 0JZ

Trustees

President	Fatehbhai Patel
Vice President	Ramanbhai Patel
Secretary	Anilbhai Patel
Assistant Secretary	Pratibhaben Patel
Treasurer	Rajnikant Patel
Assistant Treasurer	Nareshbhai Patel
Internal Auditor	Parbhubhai Patel

Committee	Champaben Patel
	Kamlaben Patel
	Gitaben Patel
	Manishaben Patel
	Shobhnaben Patel
	Kiritbhai Patel
	Bharatbhai Mistry
	Dharmendra Patel
	Urmilaben Patel
	Kishorebhai Patel
	Jayeshbhai Patel
	Jayantibhai Patel
	Balwantbhai Patel
	Dr Ved Pahwa

Holding Trustees	Nileshbhai Patel
	Jaswantbhai Patel
	Pratickbhai Patel
	Rajeshbhai Patel
	Babubhai Patel

Bankers	HSBC
	Queens Square
	Wolverhampton. WV1 1TE



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YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2017

The trustees present their report and the audited financial statements of the association for the year ended 31st March 2017.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Reference and administrative details are shown in the schedule of members of the board and professional advisers on page 1 of the financial statements.

THE TRUSTEES

The trustees who served the association during the period were as follows:

President	Fatehbhai Patel
Vice President	Ramanbhai Patel
Secretary	Anilbhai Patel
Assistant Secretary	Pratibhaben Patel
Treasurer	Rajnikant Patel
Assistant Treasurer	Nareshbhai Patel
Internal Auditor	Parbhubhai Patel
Committee	Champaben Patel Kamlaben Patel Gitaben Patel Manishaben Patel Shobhnaben Patel Kiritbhai Patel Bharatbhai Mistry Dharmendra Patel Urmilaben Patel Kishorebhai Patel Jayeshbhai Patel Jayantibhai Patel Balwantbhai Patel Dr Ved Pahwa
Holding Trustees	Nileshbhai Patel Jaswantbhai Patel Pratickbhai Patel Rajeshbhai Patel Babubhai Patel



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YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2017

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The Gujarati Association (Wolverhampton) was formed in 1968, adopting its own constitution and was granted charitable status on the 8th December 1988.

Trustees are appointed by the membership at an Annual General Meeting (A.G.M) and carry out day-to-day running of the association. We have five 'holding' trustees who are elected on a five-year term, who shall be named and responsible for the trust property.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

- a) To promote the benefit of the residents of Wolverhampton particularly but not exclusively members of the Hindu 'Gujarati' community by the advancement of education, the relief of poverty and sickness the preservation and protection of good health and the provision of facilities for recreation and other leisure-time occupation in the interests of social welfare and with the object of improving the condition of life of the 'Gujarati' community,
- b) to relieve beneficiaries who are in conditions of need by such means as thought fit including help and assistance for the aged,
- c) to promote unity and racial harmony within the different communities in Wolverhampton by any charitable means that the trustees may from time to time think fit.
- d) to advance the Hindu religion.
- e) to establish a centre and to maintain and manage such a centre for activities promoted by the association in furtherance of the above objects.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

The association has continued to organise a variety of activities engaging all its members (young and old). The 'Sahkar' day centre (elderly club), meet once a week to socialise, prepare a meal and take part in various activities. This is proving very popular as the word gets around. The elderly often feel isolated in their homes and so getting out and meeting fellow members is a perfect way to break up their week. Transportation is provided by the local 'Ring and Ride' service for those who cannot get to the centre themselves.

The Youth club is also very popular with over thirty children attending every Friday. Each year the older children seem to stop coming (but their younger siblings (Brothers and Sisters) then take their place, so the numbers more or less stay the same.

It's a shame our free 'Gujarati' classes have had to end due to a fall in numbers. The elder children felt they could no longer commit their time, due to pressures from their Secondary Schools with regards to homework and regular tests etc. This is very sad news for our



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organisation, since other Towns have waiting lists to join 'Gujarati classes' and where Parents would have to pay for their child to attend.

On a positive note, popular activities such as the weekly 'yoga' and circuit training classes, continue to flourish. Certainly the 'yoga' class have about fifty people who attend on a weekly basis. This is open to all nationalities, Religious beliefs and 'gender'. It is nice to see other communities attending and using our facilities. The 'circuit training' classes also helps in helping people keep fit. Again, completely 'free' and open to all sections of our community.

Promotion of all the events that take place within the organisation (Religious and general) are advertised/communicated via 'Social media' and the old-fashioned way. We have our own 'Gujarati Association Facebook page', our own 'e-mail' database, and we also print-off newsletters which are hand delivered door to door as required.

Recently, we have also started to hold events addressing other important subject areas such as 'mental health awareness'. The event proved very successful since it is not something 'Gujarati' communities seem to talk about and address.

By far the biggest achievement for the association has been the introduction of our new 'bigger' hall facilities. Our hall now serves not only our 'Gujarati' community but other factions of the Wolverhampton community, for people to hire out for; weddings, birthday parties etc.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The results for the year, and the financial position at the end of the year, are shown in the attached financial statements.

PLANS FOR FUTURE PERIODS

The association is looking at improving our washing room / storage facilities, by utilising the space available to us. We have contacted a local architect who has kindly drawn up plans for the proposed extension. The increased 'turnover' will obviously be re-invested into the new project.

Signed on behalf of the trustees

Mr Anil Patel
Secretary



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name Gujarati Association Wolverhampton	No (if any) 700625
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Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date 01/04/2016	To	Period end date 31/03/2017
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Donations	1,664	-	-	1,664	23,160
Hall Hire Rent	122,697	-	-	122,697	89,270
Membership	96	-	-	96	1,149
Fees for Services	11,194	-	-	11,194	9,697
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	135,651	-	-	135,651	123,276
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	135,651	-	-	135,651	123,276
A3 Payments					
Cost of Fund Raising	48,114	-	-	48,114	36,942
Utilities	6,434	-	-	6,434	4,868
Repairs + Maintenance	9,339	-	-	9,339	1,833
Insurance	4,359	-	-	4,359	4,220
	-	-	-	-	-
Administration Costs	1,302	-	-	1,302	631
Bank Charges + Interest	-	-	-	-	410
Sundry Expenses	-	-	-	-	300
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	69,548	-	-	69,548	49,204
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	4,368	-	-	4,368	-
	-	-	-	-	5,873
Sub total	4,368	-	-	4,368	5,873
Total payments	73,916	-	-	73,916	55,077
Net of receipts/(payments)	61,735	-	-	61,735	68,199
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	56,581	-	-	56,581	20,082
Cash funds this year end	118,316	-	-	118,316	88,281

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	Cash at Bank	116,700	-	-
	Cash in Hand	1,616	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	118,316	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))			
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	Premises :		-	-
	Gujarati Centre		1,526,000	-
	Kitchen Equipment		1,190	-
	Computer Equipment		4,163	-
	Fixtures & Fittibngs		31,072	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities		Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
		R PATEL	6/06/18



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

GUJARATI ASSOCIATION, WOLVERHAMPTON

On accounts for the year
ended

31 MARCH 2017

Charity no
(if any)

0700625

Set out on pages

ATTACHED FORM CC169

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 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

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

Basis of independent
examiner's statement

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 material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- ~~accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act or~~
- ~~the accounts do not accord with the accounting records~~

I have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn 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:

D. D. Patel

Date:

29-05-2018

Name:

MR DHIRUBHAI DAHYARHAI PATEL

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Section B**Disclosure**

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight 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.

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