

**READING HINDU CENTRE**  
(Registered Charity Number: 1115850)  
**At**

**READING HINDU TEMPLE**  
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**Report from the Chairman of the Executive Committee (EC)**

Dear member/s

Over the last 15 years, our Temple has gone from strength to strength due to the dedicated efforts of the EC, and with overwhelming support and participation of devotees and members it has been transformed into a centre place for Hindu community that fulfils its religious, cultural, social and communal needs. At our Temple, we celebrate important Hindu Festivals, and you can access our website to find the dates and timings of the forthcoming festivals.

These festivals give members and devotees a noble *opportunity to offer a Seva* by: (1) becoming Yajman for the Puja and Aarati, (2) offering financial contribution towards Prasad and fruit boxes, (3) offering physical help for cooking food, setting up of dining hall and cleaning of kitchen and dining area, (4) producing performances like dance, drama, vocal and instrumental, for cultural programmes and (5) setting, decorating, cleaning and tidying the main hall before and after the cultural programmes... *so please come forward to serve the noble cause!!*

**Financial updates**

EC is continually managing the Charity's finances effectively and efficiently. With the kind generosity of our members, devotees and well-wishers, EC have managed to reduce the refurbishment loan from £362,000 to **£130,000**, whilst maintaining the healthy reserves of about £62000 in our current account.

I once again wish to thank all the donors for making financial contribution for creating our beautiful Temple. I also wish to appeal to all those who have not yet been the part of this noble project to join in and offer your generosity (don't wait for lump sum, start the monthly direct debit), so that we can repay our loan at the earliest.

**New once in a month Saturday evening kirtan**

This event is more than a year old now and witnessing increasing attendance. At this event a cooked mahaprasad is also being served after the aarati. I wish to express my deepest sense of gratitude to all the volunteers who are offering their dedicated Seva, and making this a successful event. Following from this example, I once again wish to reiterate the fact that EC will provide every support if members and devotees come forward and offer financial sponsorship, and physical Seva for cooking food and keeping the kitchen and dining hall clean and tidy after its usage.

**Temple services**

Following services are offered by the Temple

- Priest services and Hiring (main hall, dining hall and kitchen for family, religious and social functions)
  - To offer clarity, EC is in the process of detailing the expected donations / dakshina / charges for these services on the Temple's notice board and website
- Visits of schools and scout groups
- Advertising your businesses on the Temple's notice board

Following activities are conducted in the Temple premises

- Patanjali Yoga classes (Wednesday evening and Saturday morning)
- Bal Gokulam and Shakha (Friday evening)
- Tabla classes (Tuesday evening)
- Traditional Indian dance (Sunday evening)

We also wish to start following activities in the Temple – please contact, if you have expertise in the following areas

- Elderly activity club
- Indian language classes
- Indian vocal and instrument classes

### **Parking**

- Between 8 am and 8 pm, you may park on the adjacent roads (maximum 2 hours)
- Alternatively, unrestricted parking is available on the Christchurch gardens, Vicarage road, Kendrick road, Cintra avenue (all approximately 5 min walking distance from the Temple)
- In any case, please read the displayed parking restrictions to avoid penalty notice

### **And Finally**

If you have any query relating to matter of the charity, then I request you to contact any of the EC members. This will ensure that you receive accurate information, rather than relying upon unauthorised third party source.

On behalf of the EC, I wish to express my deepest sense of gratitude to you all, especially to those individuals who have helped directly or indirectly in the progress of the Reading Hindu Centre. It is you, the membership and devotees, who are keeping our Temple on the continuing path of growth and progress. So keep spreading the words about good work being carried out at the Temple - donate generously, and offer physical help to become a shareholder of your Temple's progress. Many thanks for your unconditional support and encouragement...

Yours faithfully,

(Dr Ashok S Khare)

**Chairman of the Executive Committee**

**Reading Hindu Centre**  
**Statement of Financial Activities**  
**31 December 2017**

	Note	2017		2016
		Unrestricted funds £	Total funds £	Total funds £
<b>Income and endowments</b>				
Donations and legacies	4	100,521	<b>100,521</b>	104,014
Other trading activities	5	4,170	<b>4,170</b>	3,504
<b>Total income</b>		<u>104,691</u>	<u><b>104,691</b></u>	<u>107,518</u>
<b>Expenditure</b>				
Expenditure on charitable activities	6,7	72,822	<b>72,822</b>	77,276
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<u>72,822</u>	<u><b>72,822</b></u>	<u>77,276</u>
<b>Net income and net movement in funds</b>		<u>31,869</u>	<u><b>31,869</b></u>	<u>30,242</u>
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>				
Total funds brought forward		1,122,143	<b>1,122,143</b>	1,091,901
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>		<u>1,154,012</u>	<u><b>1,154,012</b></u>	<u>1,122,143</u>

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

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**Statement of Financial Position**  
**31 December 2017**

		2017		2016
		£	£	£
<b>Fixed assets</b>				
Tangible fixed assets	13		1,259,297	1,258,422
<b>Current assets</b>				
Cash at bank and in hand		67,054		58,063
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	14	<u>19,167</u>		<u>11,879</u>
<b>Net current assets</b>			47,887	46,184
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>			<u>1,307,184</u>	1,304,606
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year</b>	15		<u>153,172</u>	<u>182,463</u>
<b>Net assets</b>			<u><u>1,154,012</u></u>	<u><u>1,122,143</u></u>
<b>Funds of the charity</b>				
Unrestricted funds:				
Revaluation reserve		1,019,879		1,019,879
Other unrestricted income funds		<u>134,133</u>		<u>102,264</u>
<b>Total unrestricted funds</b>		<u>1,154,012</u>		<u>1,122,143</u>
<b>Total charity funds</b>	17		<u><u>1,154,012</u></u>	<u><u>1,122,143</u></u>

These financial statements were approved by the board of trustees and authorised for issue on 31<sup>st</sup> May 2018, and are signed on behalf of the board by:

Mr S Sriram  
Trustee

Dr A Khare  
Chairman

The notes on pages 7 to 14 form part of these financial statements.