

LOHANA COMMUNITY NORTH LONDON

AGM 2024

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Including Annual Reports & Accounts



LCNL President
Meena Jasani

LCNL Secretary
Amit Chandarana

Treasurer
Vishal Sodha



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Ramnavami Utsav

Wednesday 17th April 2024

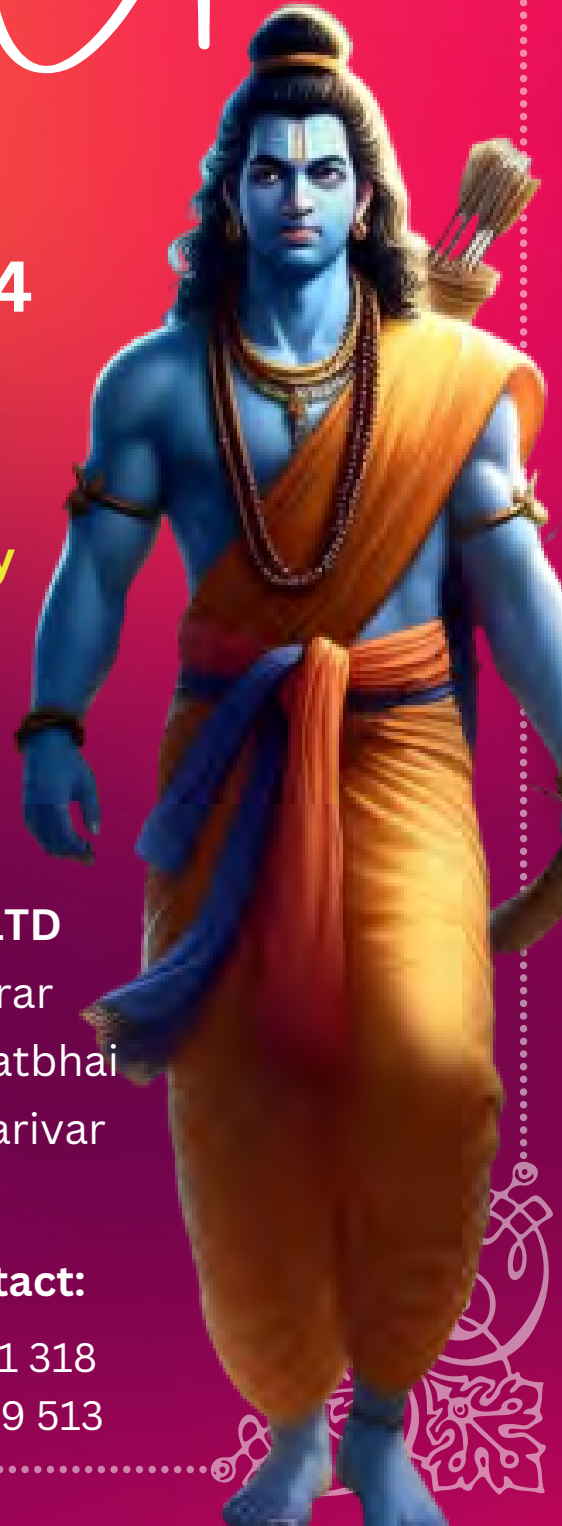
Dhamecha Lohana Centre (J.V Gokal Hall)
Brember Road, South Harrow, HA2 8AX

**6.00pm-7.30pm Prashadi followed by
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LCNL Executive Committee 2023-2025



President - Meena Jasani
Vice President - Ronak Paw
Past President - Dinesh Shonchhatra

Secretary - Amit Chandarana
Assistant Secretary - Sanjay Rughani

Treasurer - Vishal Sodha
Assistant Treasurer - Dhiru Savani

Social Secretary - Madhu Popat
Assistant Social Secretary - Parag Thacker

Membership Secretary - Ashok Dattani
Assistant Membership Secretary - Bhavisha Thakrar

Webmaster - Amit Karia
Assistant Webmaster - Dipen Tanna

Committee Members:

Jeet Rughani, Sheetal Barai, Sudhir Jagsi, Bhik Kotecha Dilip Manek, Rishi Raja, Pratap Khagram, Rajnikant Sawjani, Bharat Ghelani & Jay Ruparelia

Mahila Representatives - Archana Sodha, Sadhna Mehta & Haru Chotai

LCF Representatives: Vinod Thakrar & Janu Kotecha

YLS Representatives: Tulsi Tanna & Shrey Khakhria

Senior Men Representative: Chandu Rughani

Senior Ladies Representative: Urmila Thakkar



Lohana Community North London

Annual General Meeting

Sunday 14th April 2024

Dhamecha Lohana Centre



Notice was sent out by email for the LCNL AGM to be held on Sunday 14th April 2024 at the Dhamecha Lohana Centre, Brember Road, HA2 8AX at 3:30pm

Agenda

1. Welcome by the President
2. Matters arising from the LCNL AGM 26th March 2023
3. Approval of the minutes from the LCNL AGM 26th March 2023
4. Presidents Report
5. Secretary' Report
6. Treasurers Report – *Presentation and approval of the Annual Accounts*
7. Social Secretary Report
8. Membership Secretary Report
9. LCF Report
10. LCNL Mahila Report
11. Senior Men's Report
12. Senior Ladies Report
13. RCT Report
14. YLS report
15. *Sub - Committee Reports* a) Ageing Population, b) Bereavement, c) Connexions, d) Diwali Magazine, e) Navratri, f) LINK - Business & Professional, g) Sports h) Lohana Youth Group, i) Yoga, m) Bhagavat Gita Classes
16. Any other business with permission of the chair





Minutes of the Annual General Meeting 2022

Lohana Community North London

26th March 2023 – 15:30

Dhamecha Lohana Centre

The meeting commenced at 16:00 with prayers by the secretary, Ronak Paw, and a minute of silence for the departed souls.

Ronak Paw then introduced and invited the top table onto the stage:

- Dinesh Shonchhatra (LCNL President)
- Ronak Paw (LCNL Secretary)
- Meena Jasani (LCNL Vice President)
- Manish Sanghani (LCF Chair Person)
- Vinod Sakaria (LCNL Treasurer)
- Yatin Dawada (LCNL Immediate Past President)
- Madhu Popat (LCNL Assistant Secretary)
- Pratap Khagram (LCNL Social Secretary)
- Ashok Sodha (Election Officer).

1. Welcome by President

Ronak introduced Dinesh Shonchhatra who welcomed everyone and commented on how it had been a good day so far with 2 AGMS running smoothly on Lohana timing.

2. Matters arising from previous LCNL AGM 9th April 2022

Ronak asked if there were any matters arising from the AGM in 2022. There were no comments.

3. Approval of minutes from previous LCNL AGM 9th April 2022

The minutes of the last AGM held on the 9th of April 2022 were sent out in the AGM Bulletin 2022-2023 on pages 3-8. They were put to the AGM 2023 attendees. Geeta Nathwani proposed the approval of the minutes and Janu Kotecha seconded them.

4. Appointment of Reporting Accountant and Election Officer for AGM 2023

Ronak informed all that at the last AGM Ashok Sodha had decided to step down as the Reporting Accountant after serving the community in this role for 15 years. He was given a standing ovation by the AGM attendees. Ronak then carried on to state that the AGM attendees last year gave the Executive Committee the powers to appoint a Reporting Accountant for this year's AGM as they see fit. After an extensive search the Executive Committee approved the appointment of Dilip Unarket at their meeting on the 23rd of Feb 2023. The AGM 2023 attendees unanimously agreed with this appointment.





Ronak added that Dilip Unarket did not want to be Election Officer and as per the constitution he is able to appoint someone else as Election officer.

Therefore, he appointed Ashok Sodha who was happy to stay on as Election Officer. This again was approved by the Executive Committee at their meeting on the 23rd of Feb 2023 and was again unanimously agreed by the AGM 2023 attendees.

5. Presidents Report – Dinesh Shonchhatra

The president's written report was on pages 9-11 of the AGM Bulletin 2022-2023 but he wanted to speak too.

Dinesh started off with Jai Shree Krishna and Jai Jalaram.

He stated he was pleased to serve as the LCNL president for 2 years and that the time has gone so fast that he won't know what to do with the spare time now. He thanked Ronak Paw for arranging the AGM meeting and for the AGM 2022 minutes. He also thanked Ronak for putting together the AGM magazine and saving the community thousands of pounds in design and print costs by having them emailed out by Amit Chandarana. Thanks went to Sundeep Ruparelia for making printed copies of the magazine available on the day of the AGM too.

Dinesh congratulated the incoming Mahila Chairperson, Archana Sodha and the incoming YLS Chairperson, Tulsi Tanna. He also thanked his committee that has been the backbone of his two years in charge as well as the 6 operating bodies led by their chairpersons: Geeta Nathwani – Mahila, Urmila Thakkar – Senior Ladies, Chandu Rughani – Senior Men, Meera Majeethia – YLS, Bharat Sodha – RCT and Manish Sangani LCF.

Dinesh then thanked various people:

Pratap Khagram the Social secretary for his work in all the events. Meena Jasani the Vice President for always being at events. Vinod Sakaria the treasurer for keeping good accounts of the money and for his selfless seva over the last 9 years as he will be stepping down as the Treasurer. The Digital team of Amit Karia, Amit Chandarana, Jeet Rughani, Sanjay Rughani, Rishi Raja, Jai Ruparelia and Ronak Paw for keeping everyone informed about all LCNL and operating body events. Pratibha Lakhani and the Activity team for doing so many great events over the last two years. All the past presidents, DLC and RCT trustees for their help and guidance. Devendra and Hasmukh for their support and management of DLC. All the sponsors, volunteers and advertisers.





The outside committees, Vinu Kotecha, Ramesh Devani, Naren Hathi and the bereavement team, golf team, table tennis team and yoga team. He continued his thanks by thanking Dilip Unarket and Sunil Patel for looking at the accounts.

Ashok Sodha for being Election officer and reporting accountant for the last 15 years as well as his help with golf. Dhiraj Kataria for collecting the records of LCNL.

Dinesh then moved on to talk about Waitrose and that we should not take it for granted that we can park there. They lock the gates when they close. We have to ask them when we need to use it and now with the development work going on there, we only get a few spaces so we should look for alternative parking. If we do use it then we should only park in the designated areas and not directly in front of their shop or in the electric charging bays or disabled bays. He thanked Vinod Thakrar for liaising with Waitrose.

Membership has always been close to Dinesh's heart and so he was very pleased we had over 160 new members during his two-year term but he pointed out that a lot of work is needed on the database to clean it up. Over 500 people do not have email addresses registered with us.

Dinesh thanked Sadhna and told all how she had been his rock. She was by his side at every event over the last two years.

Dinesh presented some awards to those that could not make his farewell party – Jeet Rughani, Amit Karia, Yatin Dawada and Dhiru Savani. Dinesh also thanked Jeet for his help with speeches over the last two years.

Finally, he wished the incoming committee all the best.

Ronak thanked Dineshbhai for his report and then asked if anyone had any comments or questions. Ameer Karia commented that the speech was very funny and others should do speeches in this way too going forwards.

Janu Kotecha proposed a vote of thanks and asked all to stand and applaud Dinesh for his hard work over the last two years. The AGM 2023 attendees gave a standing ovation to Dinesh. Janu Kotecha also congratulated Archana Sodha for being elected the new Mahila Chairperson. Janu Kotecha also asked the secretary to send out a copy of the constitution. Ronak commented that this is something that we were looking to do anyway and will ask the new committee to take this on board.





Koki Vasani came forward to make a comment about the Jubilee Mela. She said that the senior ladies celebrated the previous Queen's Jubilee and pulled out documents from 2012.

She said no one mentioned the senior ladies and commended them for this. She was not allowed to speak at the Platinum Jubilee event about this either as she wanted to say that the senior ladies have celebrated the previous jubilee along with their 15-year anniversary at RCT and VIP lounge in 2012. She also brought up the fact that the Ageing Population has no mention of Senior Ladies from Lord Popat. Ronak thanked her for bringing this up but also questioned the relevance of this in the AGM 2023 and in the Presidents Report.

There were no other comments or questions on the Presidents Report.

6. Secretary's Report – Ronak Paw

The Secretary's written report was on page 12 of the AGM Bulletin 2022-2023 but he wanted to just add how Dinesh has covered most things he was going to say but he just wanted to point out that over the two years there has been over 100 events by the team and that's some achievement.

7. Treasurers Report – Vinod Sakaria

Vinod announced that his report is on pages 15 & 16 of the AGM Bulletin 2022-2023 and that the accounts are on pages 48-58.

Vinod went through the income and expenses and confirmed there was a net surplus this year of £49,751. Ronak clarified that this includes the £30,000 that is paid monthly to DLC and so the actual profit this year is just under £80,000 before the payment to DLC.

Vinod added that YLS are giving LCNL £5,500 and Mahila are giving £3,500 and so the LCNL committee agreed at the last meeting on the 24th of March 2023 to make a proposal to give a total of £40,000 to LCF. Ronak put this proposal to the AGM Attendees and clarified this includes the money from YLS and Mahila plus another £31,000 from LCNL to make a total of £40,000.

Sanjay Chandarana asked why only £31,000 from LCNL why not more? Vinod Sakaria replied that we need working capital for upcoming events and we still need the money to pay £2,500 a month to DLC. Sanjay Chandarana said there is £108,000 in cash held by LCNL and that we should give more. Ronak asked him to suggest an amount and Dinesh stated that this is not all in LCNL's account. Some of this balance is made up of Mahila money and YLS money too.





Therefore, the committee made a decision to top the money to £40,000 and then review this on an ongoing basis. Vinod Thakrar pointed out that money is transferred to LCF at various points of the year.

Its not just at the AGM and so this can be reviewed in the future. Sanjay Rughani added that we regularly review this as a committee but we need to keep a reserve too. Janu Kotecha pointed out that the President and Secretary do attend DLC and LCF meetings and when they have had a surplus, they have donated money. He urged RCT who hold a substantial fund to also support LCF with a donation or loan. Vinod Sakaria said he has been in touch with the RCT chairperson and discussions have taken place on this subject. Mansukh Raichura commented that we are one family and so should all look to contribute to each other when needed.

Ronak proposed that we give this £40,000 for now and then regularly review this. It was put to the AGM attendees and unanimously agreed.

There were no other comments or questions on the treasurer's report.

Sanjay Rughani proposed the approval of the accounts and the treasurers report, and Janu Kotecha seconded them.

8. Social Secretary's Report – Pratap Khagram

Pratap's report is on page 17 and 18 of the AGM Bulletin 2022-2023. Pratap just thanked everyone for supporting LCNL and coming to the events in bigger and bigger numbers. There were no comments or questions on the report.

9. Membership Secretary's Report – Ashok Dattani

Ashok's report is on page 19 of the AGM Bulletin 2022-2023. He had nothing to add so the AGM 2023 attendees were asked for comments and questions.

Ashok Sodha said that the database has improved but a lot of clean-up work is needed on things like spouses' names and emails. Amit Chandarana replied that work is being done on this and they are trying to tidy the database.

Bhavna Dattani asked how do you know that you are not a member or that a youngster must join when they are 18. Ronak replied that its your own responsibility to join or not join. The website and the constitution have information on who is a member. Sanjay Chandarana added that its an individual own responsibility to join and keep up to date on the rules.

There were no other comments or questions the report.





10. Lohana Charitable Foundation (LCF) Report – Manish Sangani

The LCF report is on page 21 of the AGM Bulletin 2022-2023 and the accounts are on pages 62-65.

Manish clarified that LCF looks after the building and has had its accounts audited and filed with all relevant bodies. The build costs for DLC is £4.6m and the valuation is now £6.5m but this is not a professional valuation.

Manish continued that he is grateful to LCNL and the operating bodies for the £40,000 pledge and confirmed that all of this £40,000 will be used towards paying off the loan. The loan stands at £360,000 at present and so will come down with this £40,000. The current interest rate is 8.5%.

Manish also clarified that the £2,500 a month given by LCNL is towards the running costs of DLC. All the work carried out at DLC is to appropriate standards. The hall is being regularly hired out but the costs are growing and that's why there is now a cost of £350 for holding a prathna at DLC. Manish pointed out that when we first purchased the hall LCNL pledged that prathnas will be free. This is not a charge to hire the hall but to cover costs. Manish thanked the President and his team on behalf of all the LCF trustees then opened the floor for any questions or comments on his report.

Janu Kotecha wanted to clarify that the £350 cost was only for Lohana's at that all others would be charged a different rate for hire of the hall depending on their requirements. He also added that this does not include the PA system. Manish confirmed this is just for Lohanas and that people were free to hire a PA system of choice.

Naina Raithatha asked why people need to hire a PA system and why we can't have an inhouse one. Manish said this has been looked at but it's not that simple. If we buy the equipment someone still needs to run it but it is something that is constantly being looked at.

Ronak commented that he does not agree with the £350 charge for prathna. It should be free for LCNL Lifetime Members and not others. He also pointed out that when people call, they are quoted £530 not £350 as the PA system fee of £180 is forced on people. Rishi Raja added that bhajans singers often bring their own sound and also that sometimes you are told that you cannot use the bhajan singers you want. You have to use only the ones the Bereavement team want you to. Manish said that any PA System can be used and that the charge was to cover rising costs and will be reviewed in the future. Vinu Kotecha also claimed that Rishi was wrong in what he stated about bhajan groups and he will clarify this more in the Bereavement report.





11. RCT Report

The LCF report is on page 20 of the AGM Bulletin 2022-2023 and the accounts are on pages 66 and 67.

There were no comments or questions on this report.

12. LCNL Mahila Report

The Mahila report is on pages 22 -23 of the AGM Bulletin 2022-2023 and the accounts are on pages 68 – 70. There were no comments or questions on this report.

13. Senior Mens Report

The Senior Men's report is on pages 24-25 of the AGM Bulletin 2022-2023. There were no comments or questions on this report.

14. Senior Ladies Report

The Senior Ladies report is on pages 26-27 of the AGM Bulletin 2022-2023. There were no comments or questions on this report.

15. YLS Report

The Young Lohana Society (YLS) Senior Men's report is on pages 28-29 of the AGM Bulletin 2022-2023. There were no comments or questions on this report.

16. Sub Committee Reports

a) Activity Team b) Affiliation c) Ageing Population d) Bereavement e) Connexions f) Constitution g) Diwali Magazine h) News and Events i) Navratri j) Link – business and Professionals k) Digital and social media l) Sports m) Youth Group n) Yoga o) Website

There were no other comments or questions on any subcommittee reports apart from Bereavement and Ageing Population.

16c. Ageing Population – Yatin Dawada

Yatin wanted to say thanks to Sanjay Rughani as he joined the team after that report had been written.

16d. Bereavement Committee – Vinu Kotecha

Vinu Kotecha wanted to make some comments about the Bereavement team. He started by saying that some families take advantage of the team and abuse them. He has been doing this seva for 24 years and now because of zoom kids have forgotten their Dharma. They look at death as a function.





The 16 Sanskar's are very important but the youth do not see this. He thanked Ramesh Devani for being his right-hand man and Yatin Dawada for stepping in while he was away. He also thanked Amit Karia for helping him get set up on zoom and Manisha who has stood by him too.

Vinu Kotecha then pointed out that he felt Rishi was wrong when he said you are not allowed to use any bhajan group you want. He said that they recommend certain groups because others are a rip off. He tells people to use bhajan singers that do not charge. Vinu Kotecha then went on to say that only when you have a death in the family do you realise how difficult it is and then turn to the community for help. He did 142 funerals last years which he felt saved people £35,000 as they did not have to pay mahraj or other people to do the funeral and he also did 190 prathnas which again saved the community money. He has never expensed his travel or time but it shows how much money the team have saved LCNL.

Vinu Kotecha also made a point about how prathna and bhajans are different. Bhajans are heard by Bhagwan but a prathna is heard by the soul. The Bereavement team do not say no bhajans they are just saying use the groups that will sing appropriate bhajans. Vinu Kotecha moved on to talk about how he always recommends Mokshe as a funeral director. Its because they have helped out lots of families with free funerals when they cant afford them.

Vinu Kotecha ended by saying none of this is directed at the EC or any committee member but was just for the public to be aware.

Vinod Sakaria added that Vinu Kotecha came with him to Belgium for a funeral and prathna and did so of his own expense.

Rajni Sawjani added that all the team give seva and they do it for the community. People will always speak as its easy to speak but hard to act.

Ronak commented that its not fair to talk about time put in as we all put time in and none of us expense anything. We all do seva for the community. He then suggested that the incoming committee have a meeting with the bereavement committee to work out some of these issues.

Vinu Kotecha stepped in to say he would be happy if someone comes forward to take over the bereavement team. He also said it's the first time he has mentioned time and money in 24 years.





Janu Kotecha commented that Vinu Kotecha does a great job and that the new committee should sit down with the bereavement team and work this all out.

Yatin Dawada added that he covered Vinu Kotecha for 10 days and is exhausted so it just shows how good a job Vinu Kotecha has done.

It was agreed that the incoming committee will sit down with the bereavement team and seek to iron out any issues.

17. AOB

AOB 1 – Disability – Sukeshi Thakkar

Sukehsi Thakkar requested the new committee look at a disability affiliation. Ronak said that this was a great idea and something that the incoming committee should look at.

AOB 2 – RCT conversation – Sailesh Mehta

Sailesh Mehta wanted to clarify that the conversation held by the treasurer with regards to RCT funds was only with the Chairperson and not the RCT committee. The minutes above reflect this.

AOB 4 – Thanks to Vinu Kotecha's team – Geeta Nathwani

Geeta Nathwani wanted to thank Vinu Kotecha and his team for their help serving food at Navratri and other events. She asked for a round of applause from the AGM attendees who duly obliged.

AOB 5 – RCT Clarity – Jeet Rughani

Jeet Rughani asked for clarity about RCT, why it was formed and how it sits with LCNL. Whilst he has some knowledge on this, he felt there needs to be a education piece on this for the whole community. This is something that LCNL can ask RCT to do.

AOB 6 – Money – Ronak Paw

Ronak Paw pointed out that the committee should be allowed to spend money as it sees fit. If some money is spent on team building or celebration events this should be fine. But recently there was a Presidents farewell party where guests and volunteers were invited that had helped the community during the pandemic and did not charge for their time. It was agreed by the EC that we would ask for contributions but that LCNL would pay for the rest. But this was leaked out to the public and Past Presidents and others said that it was not ok to use LCNL money for this. Ronak felt it was embarrassing to ask someone to attend an event to say thanks and then tell them to pay for their own meal. Dipak Jatania said that in all his years on the committee the farewell party is always paid for by donations and by the president himself. Ronak said that's not right to have a farewell party that you pay for yourself and said in future the Executive Committee should be able to decide themselves how and where money is spent as long as they are not taking it too far.





AOB 8 – Election not Selection - Ronak Paw

Ronak Paw told everyone that its and Election to join any LCNL committee or operating committee not a selection.

He has had various calls from Mahilas in particular where there are people trying to make it more of a selection and threatening people not to apply for roles. He said that anyone can apply for any role by simply filling the form and sending this to the Election Officer. Ashok Sodha the Election officer added that all forms need to be fully completed and correct as he can not amend them. He also added that he encourages everyone to join.

AOB 9 – Thanks – Dinesh Shonchhatra

Dinesh thanked all for attending the AGM 2023 and all the speakers for coming forwards. He also thanked Ronak for the way he conducted the meeting. He also thanked Rishi again for providing the sound.

18. 2021-2023 Committee to retire

The Election Officers, Ashok Sodha, asked all the 2021-23 LCNL Committee to retire.

19. Election of the LCNL Executive Committee 2023-25

The Election Officers, Ashok Sodha, announced that he had received one application for each of the positions in the Executive committee apart from the role of Executive Committee Member for which he had received 11. However, since then 2 people dropped out and so there are now only 9 EC Members. He then went on to announce the LCNL Executive Committee for 2023 -2025 term as follows:

President: Meena Jasani

Vice President: Ronak Paw

Secretary: Amit Chandarana

Assistant Secretary: Sanjay Rughani

Treasurer: Vishal Sodha

Assistant Treasurer: Dhiru Savani

Social Secretary: Madhu Popat

Assistant Social Secretary: Parag Thacker

Membership Secretary: Ashok Dattani

Assistant Membership Secretary: Bhavisha Thakrar

Webmaster: Amit Karia

Assistant Webmaster: Dipen Tanna





RCT Representative: Jeet Rughani
RCT Representative: Bharat Ghelani
Immediate Past President: Dinesh Shonchhatra
Immediate Past Secretary: Ronak Paw
Executive Committee Member: Sheetal Barai
Executive Committee Member: Prafula Chotai
Executive Committee Member: Pushpa Karia
Executive Committee Member: Pratap Khagram
Executive Committee Member: Bhik Kotecha
Executive Committee Member: Dilip Manek
Executive Committee Member: Rishi Raja
Executive Committee Member: Jay Ruparelia
Executive Committee Member: Rajnikant Sawjani

Meena Jasani thanked the AGM attendees and community at large for appointing her as the new LCNL President. She also thanked Dinesh Shonchhatra and the previous committee for their hard work and said the new team will move forward and work hard with all the operating bodies.

20. Appointment of the Reporting Accountant and Election Officer for 2023-2025

Ronak informed all that the AGM 2023 attendees had to appoint a Reporting Accountant for the next term. The LCNL Executive Committee that just retired recommend that this should be Dilip Unarket again. This was put to the AGM 2023 attendees and unanimously agreed. Ronak then added the Dilip Unarket has stated that he would like to appoint Ashok Sodha as the Election Officer for the term 2023-2025. This was put to the AGM 2023 attendees and again unanimously agreed.

21. End of meeting

Ronak thanked everyone for attending and also stated that everything said by anyone at the AGM 2023 is not to be taken personally. All comments, views and questions are made to try and improve the community but when we finish the meeting we should all remember that we are all friends and family and not make it personal. He also apologised if anyone had taken any offense during the meeting from anything he or anyone else said.

The meeting then ended at 18:35.

Minutes prepared by

Ronak Paw

LCNL Secretary 2021-2023



Presidents Report

Meena Jasani - LCNL President



Jai Shree Krishna, Jai Siya Ram & Jai Jalaram,

It has been a year since the Community entrusted me as the President of the LCNL, I wholeheartedly thank our Community and my Executive Committee for their faith, trust and belief. Over the last 12 months, I feel we have challenged conventional thinking, pushed boundaries in execution of events and continue to lead the Gujarati diaspora within the UK. After the election, I conveyed my vision, goals and ideas to the committee, to which they responded with enthusiasm and accepted every challenge.

My term commenced under the Ramnavmi celebration, an auspicious time and a proud moment for us Raghuvanshi's to commence the new year with the Ramnavmi Utsav, soon followed by our Hanuman Jayanti Programme.

During my years of Seva, I am always keen to adopt new ideas and have always had a daring attitude when it comes to new events. It is with this same view I have been keen to pursue the following new events and few which didn't happen since last few years:

- Whist Drive (Card Game)
- International Woman's Day Celebration - talking taboo subjects
- The Meet & Greet Friendship group social club for over 50's
- Medical Camp
- Business & Professionals Black Tie Event

Adding the above events shows how adaptable the LCNL and the wider community are, the appetite for new events, as well as our more established events are extremely high and we will continue to look at our calendar and ensure we continue to serve our community with entertainment, knowledge & religious events that engage Lohanas of all ages. We work closely with all sub committees to give an array of items throughout the year.

One of the first entertainment nights was our Whist Drive (card game night), which was sold out and set the tone for future events. Our Diwali Milan was wonderfully organised, even the Pendas adorned the LCNL Logo.

One of my aspirations was to inaugurate International Women's Day celebration in collaboration with YLS. It brings me immense joy to announce that it was a resounding success, featuring a select group of influential speakers who shared invaluable insights into their personal journeys.





LINK Business and Professional Black Tie Dinner hosted a hugely successful event which was attended by over 300 individuals with a strong business background to network and collaborate. As a community that is renowned for its Business prowess and enterprising nature, LINK really gave our business heritage justice.

We hosted our first Social Club for over 50's - 'The Meet & Greet Friendship Club' which we launched on March 27th for Ladies & Men. Our main aim is to bring together people from all walks of life to meet, relax, discuss and enjoy the company of each other; this stems from the loneliness report commissioned by Lord Dolar Popat, we thank Lady Sandhya Popat for her support and words of positivity in ensuring that this event came to fruition. Linked in with our continuation for the Gita Classes to a fortnightly event, rather than monthly. I am extremely proud of what the team have achieved.

Our core events, are always well attended, well executed and thoroughly thought out by the LCNL team;

Janmashthami, as always was spectacular. The decoration, the food and the ambience of Gokul was truly felt. I would like to convey my thanks to the Ketanbhai & Ditiben Kotecha and family for their support. This year's upcoming celebration will bring up their 3 decades of sponsorship.

Our Jalaram Jayanti event, again was truly wonderful and it felt as though we could all feel the vibrations from Virpur. I would like to extend my thanks to Rajubhai & Saryuben Kotecha and Family for their 25th year as sponsors.

Shivratri, again, was spectacular. I would like to highlight the 5 years of sponsorship from Vijyaben, Yogeshbhai, Pritiben and Pau Family. The DLC was transformed, and public really enjoyed the event. This year our Yajmans donated the steel thalis for pujas. The steel thalis for the aartis were donated by Nitiben Gheewala a few years ago and we are still using them.

Our LCNL Golf tournament continues to get popular, year by year, there is always a waiting list and every year there are new faces. Our steering committee & convenor always take great care and attention to ensuring the day goes smoothly, our next Golf Tournament is coming soon, I look forward to see you all there.

Work is already underway for our LCNL Navratri 2024 and I can still hear the Dhol playing with Strings singing in the background! every year, we work hard to ensure safety and enjoyment are uncompromised. We have a team led by 4 convenors that are dedicated, innovative and relentless in ensuring the 10 days go to plan – 2023 was a wonderful spectacle that does not do just Lohanas proud, not just Gujaratis proud – but all Hindus can be proud of our Garbas. We thank all the people that came and enjoyed the celebrations and we look forward to seeing you again this year!



Many years ago, I helped set up our improved matrimonial service, 'Connexions', and without fail this has grown strength to strength. The last event held recently at Coffee- 2-Cocktails – the event catered for various ages. I whole heartedly thank the team for the brilliant work they do!



We have been working hard to deliver communications via various channels, with our biggest publication the Diwali Magazine, published to a very high standard with informative articles, upcoming events and Diwali Greetings from our sponsors. News & Events, E-news, Digital team & Social Media is regularly communicating with members. We are always striving for excellence, and encourage members to let us know if they have any good ideas ... your thoughts are always welcome.

I get asked a lot about the LCNL president role & what it entails, I think about an answer a lot, and in my mind it's one of the most prestigious role in community service. Our community is so diverse, we represent every layer in British hierarchy – we are hardworking, dedicated and extremely enterprising. The role of the LCNL president unifies the different branches that sit under the LCNL umbrella, we link frequently with our operating bodies to give our community the best service we can offer – our operating bodies consist of Mahila, Senior Men, Senior Ladies, YLS, LCF, DLC and RCT. To fulfil this important role full support is needed from the Community members, LCNL's Executive Committee members, Senior Ladies, LSC Men, Mahilas, YLS, DLC Management team, LCF & RCT Trustees – all the committees strive to ensure the community has a successful future. My thanks to all of them on their hard work and continued efforts!

This AGM bulletin contains all the Operating Bodies' Chairpersons and all the LCNL Event Convenors' Reports. I am very thankful to each of them for their enthusiasm and effort in making all the events highly successful. Our Bereavement team is giving excellent services to the deceased' families during their difficult times, working round the clock!

Our Secretary plans the Executive meetings regularly and manages all the admin work very professionally. The Treasurer manages the Community finances very well. He has published the detailed financial accounts. At this point I would like to thank our Reporting Accountant Dilip Unarket and Election Officer Ashok Sodha.

I would sincerely like to thank all the Operating bodies, Bereavement team, Sub-committees, the entire Executive team, all the Event Convenors, Secretary, Vice President, Treasurer, Social Secretary, Social & Entertainment Team, Membership Secretary, Digital Team, Web Master, all the sponsors, Advertisers, well-wishers and the Community at large.

I would like to thank LCNL Past Records Team for collecting all the records for last 48 years which have been stored at DLC.



I am blessed to have full support from all our Past Presidents, Immediate Past President & Vice President.

Sincere thanks to all. BIG THANK YOU to all of you who attended the functions and supported LCNL. Without you none of this would be possible, and I am excited to share the next year with you.

Lastly I would be failing my duties if I don't mention my Husband Nitin, daughter Krupa, Son in law Soren, my grandson Luca, my brother Atul & Bhabhi Palavi Karia and all my family & friends for their encouragement and support.

Meena Jasani

LCNL President 2023-2025

"I can do things you cannot you can do things I cannot; Together we can do great things"

Mother Teresa



Secretary Report

Amit Chandarana - LCNL Secretary



Jai Shree Krishna, Jai Jalaram.

I am pleased to present the Secretary's Report for the current term. Over the past one year it has been both an honor and a privilege to serve in this capacity, working alongside dedicated individuals committed to the betterment of our community.

Throughout this period, the President and Executive Committee, in collaboration with other bodies, has undertaken numerous initiatives aimed at enhancing the welfare and development of our community members.

We have organised several events and activities aimed at fostering a sense of unity and belonging among community members. From religious celebrations to fun and games evening, these initiatives have provided valuable opportunities for networking and socialising.

Looking ahead, we remain committed to advancing the interests of our community and fostering a vibrant and inclusive environment for all members. I would like to extend my gratitude to the Executive Committee, volunteers, and community members for their unwavering support and dedication.

As always, I welcome your feedback and suggestions as we continue to strive for excellence in serving our community.

I would like to express my gratitude at this moment, extending my thanks to several individuals, particularly my assistant secretary, Sanjay Rughani, whose support has been invaluable throughout the first year. I also want to extend my appreciation to Meenaben Jasani and each one of you for entrusting me with the role of Secretary.

Additionally, I am thankful to Ronak Paw for facilitating a seamless handover and offering support behind the scenes for this AGM, including providing his contact list, document templates, and more.

Lastly, I wish to express my gratitude to my family—Dina, Tiya, and Josh—for their unwavering support.

Amit Chandarana

LCNL Secretary 2023 - 2025



Treasurers Report

Vishal Sodha - LCNL Treasurer



Jai Shri Krishna

Serving one's community doesn't only give you a feeling of pride and identity but also gives you a natural sense of accomplishment. I have been involved with serving the Lohana Community North London (LCNL) since more than a decade in various roles and was given the opportunity to act as the Treasurer for LCNL for 2023-2025 which I accepted with lot of responsibility and humbleness.

I am grateful to Meenaben Jasani the President of the LCNL to have entrusted me with this responsibility which I have performed with utmost care and diligence last year and I assure you all to continue in the same manner for the remainder of my term.

LCNL had a very successful year ending January 2024 and among many events some of the religious functions like Ramnavmi, Janmashtami, Hanuman Jayanti, Jalaram Jayanti and Maha Shivratri that are being sponsored by well-known members of our community for many years, continued their support last year as well without any financial burden on our LCNL – we are grateful to them.

Although the main aim of LCNL while conducting various events is never to make profits but to serve our community and the wider community at large, there were few successful events including the Diwali Magazine, Navaratri and Golf that contributed financially in a very big way making LCNL stronger to contribute not only towards its social cause but also to a large extent towards the Lohana Charitable Foundation (LCF).

I am also immensely proud to share with you all that our members at large have been very generous with their donations throughout the last year that has helped our community to donate for various noble causes.

My sincere thanks to Dilipbhai Unarket our reporting accountant who is the managing partner at John Cumming Ross Ltd and his team specially Sunilbhai Patel. I also would like to thank Kumudbhai Kanabar and his colleague Jinesh Jain for helping LCNL with the new accounting software and book keeping. My sincere thanks to our past treasurer Vinodbhai Sakaria who seamlessly and tirelessly handled the post for a very long time.

Last but not the least I thank to all the conveyors of various events at LCNL for promptly letting me have the accounts and I look forward to working with them all over again for the current year ending January 2025.

Vishal Sodha

LCNL Treasurer 2023 - 2025



Social Secretary Report

Madhu Popat - LCNL Social Secretary



Jai Shree Krishna, Jai Jalaram and Sai Ram

I hope you all are well and enjoying all our social events.

I am very happy to be in the most challenging and the busiest post in LCNL.

We have had a very successful social 2023/24 year for LCNL with the support of our president Meenaben, committee and community members and the volunteers.

LCNL social secretary with the social team take great pride and effort in organising all the religious and social events.

Our religious functions of Ramnavmi, Hanuman Jayanti, Janmastmi, Navaratri, Chopda Poojan, Jalaram Jayanti and Shivratri were very popular with more and more people attending every year. All the functions were celebrated in a grand way.

Thank you to all the yajmans for their generosity and support to our events . We all love working with them as a team.

Thank you to Piyusbhai Mehta and his family for their ever willing guidance to all of us.

Our social events , Gujarati play, Whist drive, joint get together with LCUK to honour Mahaparsit President Satishbhai Vithalani, golf day, Diwali meet and greet , Bingo night , business and professional black tie event and ladies international day have been a very big success over the year.

The medical camp on 3rd December under the leadership of professor Bhiku Kotecha drew lots of members. We had a very interesting talks on different medical subjects.

We had more than thousand people joining us on zoom on 11th January to listen to various talks related to Dementia/ageing population.

21st January attracted more members on zoom for Ram Bhajans to inaugurate the Ram Mandir in Ayodhya.

We have had a great feedback from the public. Members have really enjoyed the events throughout the year. All the events are becoming so popular with full capacity that we have had to turn down members as we were not able to accommodate them.





My special thank you to the president Meenaben Jasani, Vice President Ronak Paw, secretary Amit Chandarana, my Assistant Social Secretary Parag Thakrar, my social assistants Prafulla, Dhiru, Rishi, Sadhana, Puspaben, Maheswari, Bhavisha, Rajnibhai, and all the LCNL committee members for their support in making all our LCNL events so successful.

Thank you to the digital team Amit Chandarana for settling up zoom meetings and advertising. Amit Karia for setting up live zoom events on face book.

A big thank you to Mahila ladies, YLS, senior ladies, senior Men and RCT members for their help and support. Vinubhai Kotecha and his team have always been there for LCNL and their help is greatly appreciated.

A big thank you to all the volunteers from the public who help out at the events. Thank you to LCF chairperson Vinodbhai, the managment team Davendrabhai and Hasmukh for their support.

I would like to thank my husband Mahendra for his help and support. Amount of hours and time I put towards the preparations of all this functions and phone calls he often says I should get a bed to sleep at DLC.

Madhu Papat

LCNL Social Secretary 2023 - 2025



Membership Report

Ashok Dattani - Membership Secretary



Jai Shree Krishna,

Once again it has been our pleasure to serve the community as Membership Secretary. We would like to thank the President and the Executive Committee for giving us this opportunity and for promoting LCNL to increase our membership.

We are pleased to report that the list of new members over the last two years grown steadily. In the last 12 months we have had 60 new members + 4 reinstatement enrolled and several enquiries and in the previous year we enrolled 108 new members.

The biggest advantages of being a member are that at the AGM you are afforded voting rights and a voice on how the community will be led forward and play hands on role in helping the community and receive e-newsletters, publications, news and events Membership applications can be made on the LCNL website (lcnl.org) or at www.lcnl.org/register. All registration and payments are handled online and the cost of membership is £75.00. We will receive a notification of your membership application and ensure that the automated process has added your emails to the relevant mailing databases.

We will soon be updating our membership database and will be writing to the members, who will be able to update all their details and preferences by logging in the new system

Please note that any change of address or other details should be notified to by mail or a letter giving your old and new address with contact mobile number and email address. Changes are be sent with all the details to membership@lcnl.org. We are unable to accept requests for changes to membership records that are made by phone, social media or through operating bodies.

Finally, we would like to thank all Members for their continual support of the LCNL.

Ashok Dattani & Bhavisha Thakrar

Membership Secretary & Assistant Secretary 2023-2025



Lohana Charitable Foundation (LCF)

Vinod Thakrar – LCF Chairperson



Respected Elders, Ladies & Gentlemen, and the members of LCNL,

I am thankful to the founder LCF trustees, Manishbhai Sangani and Pratibhaben Lakhani for their invaluable service to the community since the acquisition of the building in 2011. Their tenure finishes on 14/4/2024 but I am sure they will continue to support the community when required. I am pleased to report that on 29th June 2024, it will be 10th anniversary of our building since its inauguration during the period when, I was the President of LCNL.

The trust board of Lohana Charitable Foundations Ltd (LCF) oversee all attributes of our community building. Dhamecha Lohana Centre Ltd (DLC) is a 100% subsidiary of LCF who manages the operational matters including security, health & safety, maintenance, bookings, and finance. I am thankful to all the LCF Trustees, DLC Directors, LCNL President Meenaben Jasani and the Executive committee for their guidance and full support. The community events held by LCNL at DLC are of very high standards and the external bookings have increased considerably. I am pleased that record numbers of attendees participate at numerous events at DLC. I would also like to encourage our community members to book the centre for their family events which will help to generate additional income for the community.

The Directors with the guidance from LCF Trustees continuously monitor all the regulatory, health and safety and security requirements. We constantly carry our repair and maintenance and cleaning activities to maintain a high standard. We make sure that the centre caters for the needs of the community and the quality demanded for the external events. We are currently reviewing capital investments in Solar Panels and Audio visual.

This year was the first year where, we made a small profit of £12,000 after rent payment of £100,000 to LCF. We are thankful to LCNL for contributing £30,000 p.a. towards the usage for the community events. They have recently paid an additional £45,000 which has enabled us to repay the bank loan by extra £50,000. The current loan with Metro Bank is around £260,000 (Loan on 5/4/2023 £360,000) Our aim is to repay the loan asap as the interest rates are very high at 9.25% p.a. We are confident that with the support of LCNL and the community, we will make DLC debt free soon.

I am thankful to the LCF trust board for electing Vinod Thakrar (LCF Chairman), Janu Kotecha (LCF Secretary) and Deepak Jatania (LCF Treasurer). The LCF and DLC accounts for the year 2023 are fully audited by KLSA LLP and submitted to the authorities. The extracts of both the accounts are published in this bulletin.

Vinod Thakrar

Lohana Charitable Foundation Ltd (LCF) Chairperson



Mahila Mandal Chairperson Report

Archana Sodha – Mahila Mandal Chairperson



Jai Shri Krishna

As the Chairperson of our LCNL Mahila organisation, I am delighted to present our year-end report for 2023-2024. This year has been a testament to our dedication and commitment to serving the women in our community, as well as extending our hands in support of charitable causes.

Throughout the year, we have organised and hosted a variety of events aimed at enriching the lives of women in our community and contributing to worthy causes. These events have not only brought us together but have also helped us make a positive impact on the lives of many.

We began the year with a Bhajan & Kirtan afternoon. This event served as a beautiful opportunity for members to come together in devotion and harmony.

In August we commemorated the auspicious month of Shraavan Maas with a Rudri Pooja, fostering a sense of unity among our members and the community. This event was a significant reminder of the importance of spirituality and togetherness in our lives. Providing opportunities for leisure and relaxation, we also organised a coach trip to Southend-on-Sea. This was a day of fun, laughter, and bonding by the seaside, creating cherished memories for us all.

In September we held our Gujarati Natak, which was not only entertaining but also served as a celebration of our cultural identity.

As the festive season approached, we came together to celebrate Navratri with our annual Ladies Garba event. This vibrant celebration was one of the highlights of the year and was enjoyed by all who attended. Mahila mandal also supported the Medical camp in December by getting speakers to present on menopause.

In March this year we organised a charity dinner and Bollywood music evening, supporting individuals affected by neurological conditions. With the assistance of the Epilepsy Society and Stroke Rehabilitation Unit, we were able to raise awareness and funds for this important cause, demonstrating our commitment to making a positive difference in the lives of those in need.





Overall, the events organised by our Mahilas in 2023-2024 have been a resounding success, thanks to the dedication, enthusiasm, and hard work of our members. As we look back on the year with pride and satisfaction, let us also look forward to continuing our mission of empowerment, support and service in the year ahead.

I extend my heartfelt gratitude to each and every member of my committee for their unwavering support and participation throughout the year. Together, we have made a meaningful impact on our community and beyond. I also would like to thank LCNL committee, YLS, senior ladies and senior men's committees for their support.

Archana Sodha

Chairperson - LCNL Mahila Mandal



Social Men's – Senior Centre's Report

**Chandu Rughani – Chairman Lohana Social Centre
(Senior Men)**



I have great pleasure once again in submitting our Centre Report for the year 2023/24.

We held our AGM (Annual Panchayat) on 10th May 2023 and the President of LCNL Meenaben Jasani was in attendance and carried out the election very professionally and effectively.

The following were elected to run the affairs of the Centre for the years 2023-2025 :-

- Chairman - Chandubhai Rughani
- Secretary - Kantibhai Hindocha
- Treasurer - Kantibhai Kakad
- Committee Members – Janu Kotecha, Vinod Nathwani, Hemant Nathwani, Pankaj Sedani, Vinod Chande, Nanubhai Suchak, Dinesh Popat, Ratilal Ondhia and Bhikhu Radia
- Ex-officio Member – Meenaben Jasani (LNCL President)
- LCNL Representatives – Ronak Paw (LCNL Vice President), Amit Chandarana (LCNL Secretary) and Vishal Sodha (LCNL Treasurer)

I am very pleased to report that the current membership of the Centre is 75 members who attend all three days each week. We expect our membership to increase steadily to around 85 to 90 members.

Over the years, it has become normal practice to celebrate all our major Hindu festivals such as Ramanavami, Janmashtami, Diwali, etc

I am very delighted to report that the hosting of lunch on the first Wednesday of each month by the Dhamecha family is still continuing and is now in its sixth year. I take this opportunity to thank the Dhamecha Parivar once again and, in particular, Pradip Dhamecha, OBE for their respect and love for the seniors.

Celebrations of Birthdays, Anniversaries, Achievements of grand children, etc also form part of our regular centre activities.

The following activities/events were organised during the year, in addition to the routine activities of playing cards and sports.





- Our popular event of Social Day whereby we treat our spouses with lunch, followed by social activities, including the ever popular game of bingo.
- In-house table tennis and pools competition followed by presentation of trophies to the winners and runners up.
- Annual picnic to Henley On Thames was organised during the year and 50 participants enjoyed the event
- We replaced our four Pool tables during the year and I am pleased to report that all these four tables were donated by:
 - Yatinbhai Dawda
 - Dinesh Shonchhatra
 - Maganbhai Rughani
 - Dhirendrabhai Raja

I would like to once again thank them for their generous support.

- The last Diwali celebrations programme was organised by the Senior Men Team at DLC. The programme consisted of drinks with delicious starters, full dinner, followed by melodious music by Marina and Group. Around 320 participants enjoyed the programme by the community members at large. At £25 per head, this event was very reasonably priced. This was only possible because of generous support from well-wishers namely, Vinod Thakrar, Janu Kotecha, Jamnadasbhai Raithatha, Dinesh Shonchhatra and Pushpaben Raja. I would like thank once again for their generous support. I would also like to thank Devendra (DLC's Manager) and his team for the excellent support given to our team at the celebration.
- During the year, two Gujarati Nataks from India, namely 'Bapuji Ghode Chadya' and 'Aaje Rokda Udhar Kale' were exclusively staged for our Senior Members and their spouses after lunch. The lunch was sponsored by Dhamecha Parivar. Both of these Natak performances were initiated by Dinesh Shonchhatra, our immediate past LCNL President with the support of the following:
 - Dinesh Shonchhatra
 - Dhiren Raja
 - Vinodbhai and Shardaben Kotecha
 - Saileshbhai Barcha
 - Narendrabhai Thakrar

- Kiritbhai Karia
- Yatin Dawda
- Kishorbhai and Sudha Badyani
- Dipak Jatania



I would like to take this opportunity to thank once more all of the above sponsors for their very generous contributions and support.

In order for all our activities to run smoothly, we need support and help from our well-wishers, sponsors and our ever-ready team of dedicated volunteers. Without their co-operation and hard work, we cannot continue to operate. I would therefore like to thank our LCNL President Meena Jasani and the entire LCNL Executive Committee for their unwavering support throughout the year. My appreciation also to the RCT Board of Trustees Chairman and all RCT Trustees.

In addition, I would like to extend my heartfelt gratitude and thanks to our hardworking Secretary Kantibhai Hindocha and our ever-green treasurer Kantibhai Kakad; all our elected Committee Members and team of dedicated volunteers for their unconditional support and cooperation. I would also like to thank Dhirajbhai Kataria for his ongoing contribution in respect of our membership records and register of vehicles and for circulating useful and appropriate information on our Whatsapp group of members.

I also want to thank our regular members for their support and confidence in me to lead our busy and very popular Centre. I sincerely hope that I have discharged my responsibilities and duty by keeping in mind the interest, welfare and very high standing of our Centre.

Finally, I extend my sincere thanks to my wife Pushpa for her continuous support and encouragement which enables me to serve the Centre and community at large for all these years.

Jay Shree Krishna

Chandu Rughani

Chairman – Lohana Social Centre (Senior Men)

LCNL Senior Ladies Report

Urmila Thakkar, MBE
Chairperson LCNL Senior Ladies



Last year in March we had planned 25years celebration of Senior Ladies Centre but due to Her Majesty QUEEN'S sad demise had to postpone to April 15th at DLC.

In spite of lots of tensions, the whole programme was received very well by the public. The turnout was good. The cultural programme was excellent performed by Nishi shah and team. The Bollywood music by Viru Vakani's group was enjoyed by all. The food was delicious. We honoured the past founder members namely Taraben Radia, Kokiben Wasani, and Pushpaben Raja with shawl and token of appreciation was presented to all the participants and present committee members.

My sincere thanks to all the committee members for working hard and running the show smoothly. My sincere thanks to doors namely, Pushpaben Raja, Dinesh Sonchatra, Ravi Kotecha, Maheswari, Pratibha Lakhani, Kokilaben Karia, Bharat Sodha, Chandrika Pajpani, Sudha Badiani, Ansuyaben Sodha, Special thanks to Janubhai Kotecha for managing the kitchen.

In June we celebrated Father's day on zoom. We had very good response from the public. All sang beautifully and enjoyed.

IN July being Adhik Maas, we organised trip to Brighton to do Pooja at sea and have picnic. One of the ladies performed Pooja for us which was enjoyed by all. The weather was favourable and it turned out to be memorable outing for all.

In October we had Sharad Poonam garba. We had over whelming response and the programme was a great success. The convenor Pratibha Lakhani and the whole team worked very hard on the day. We are thankful to Rekha Popat for her generous donation of food. Music was excellent and all thoroughly enjoyed garbas. After Sharad Poonam garbas, we had a break of three months. WE WILL BE CELEBERATING Holi on 24th March at RCT from 12pm onwards. All are most welcome.

In November, we organised Diwali Lunch. Our convenor Pushpaben Panchmatia worked very hard on the day. The programme was very successful and enjoyed by all. My sincere thanks to our President Meena Jasani and Secretary General Amit Chandarana for attending our programmes. Sincere thanks to all committee members for working hard through out the year in all the programmes.

URMILA THAKKAR, MBE
Senior Ladies Chairperson



Ruguvanshi Charitable Trust Report

Sailesh Mehta - RCT Chairperson



Jai Shree Krishna

RCT had its annual general meeting on Sunday 3rd December 2023, where two trustees retired after completing their six-year terms. We very much appreciate the services provided by Bharatbhai Sodha and Anilbhai Kotech in their capacity as Trustees. I am also pleased to let you know that Neil Morjaria and Bhargawbhai Buddhdev were both elected as Trustees at that AGM.

Rajesreeben Sodha was also appointed as a Co-Opted Trustee and is the Trustee Secretary.

I have been appointed the Chairperson of RCT in December. I am honoured to present this report to LCNL AGM.

Our facilities, both the hall and grounds, are available for hire and to be used for the furtherance of community activities. To this extent we have seen an increase in the hire of our facilities, including hire of the grounds. As all of you know that the LCNL Social Centre uses the facilities three times a week, LCNL table tennis club uses it mainly on Sunday mornings, yoga classes are also held here for community members. As RCT Trustees we are pleased that our premises are being used by the community.

Jai Shree Krishna.

Sailesh.I.Mehta

Trustee / Chairperson.



Young Lohana Society (YLS) Report

Tulsi Tanna – YLS Chairperson



The Young Lohana Society has had an incredibly enthusiastic start to this term, hosting a total of 6 events throughout this first year. During this term, our YLS committee has undergone significant growth, boasting its largest committee since inception. It is with great pride that we welcome 11 new committee members, expanding our team to an astounding total of 23 individuals. This year, we are particularly gratified to witness the inclusion of many fresh faces alongside our seasoned members, all of whom display unwavering eagerness to actively engage in the diverse aspects of our extraordinary community. Our commitment remains focused on uniting the young Lohana's of London through a wide array of social, networking, religious, and philanthropic events.

1. Box Park Social Event – 12th May 2023.

We commenced our term in great style by organising a casual mingling event at BoxPark, Wembley. The turnout was exceptional, with over 60 individuals joining us after work on a Friday, providing a remarkable opportunity for communal socialisation, indulging in delectable cuisine, and connecting as a community.

2. YLS goes to Royal Ascot – 24th June 2023.

YLS's returned to Ascot for second year in a row which was a fabulous affair. The almost sell out occasion boasted for YLS members and non-members to attend the various festivities held around London whilst also basking in the sunshine. This turned out to be a wholesome occasion for those who attended. Those who attended came suited and booted in their best outfits for the day! We opted for the Queen Anne Enclosure this time to add to the royal ambience.

3. The Tropical Summer Party – 18th August 2023.

In August, we hosted a tropical themed summer social at Oxford Market Halls in London with a largely successful turnout of over a hundred people. This event allowed for those who attended to let their hair down after a working week and unwind in a fantastic venue in London. The feedback received following this event was hugely positive with the main point of response being to host more similar events.

4. Children's Garba 2023 – 15th October 2023 and 22nd October 2023.

Our inaugural children's Garba event was a huge success, with tickets selling out in 7 minutes. The YLS welcomed over 600 children and 800 adults over two days to celebrate and immerse themselves into the Navrarti festivities.





This was a truly remarkable event which allowed the children who attended to be educated about Navrarti with a smile on their face. The day was made up of many activities, including, aarti plate designing and colouring, garba, pooja and prayers, and Dandiya.

The children were also provided a lunch box. We would again like to thank our generous sponsors, who's support allowed us to hold a completely sold-out event.

5. Sharad Poonam 2023 – 28th Oct 2023.

Poonam, part of 2023's garba celebrations, was hosted jointly by YLS and LCNL where we welcomed over 1000 people to DLC for a night filled with colourful lights and fantastic dances.

6. International Women's Day – 17th March 2024

On 17 March 2024, LCNL and YLS joined forces to host a first of its kind event and collaboratively hosted an inspirational event for International Women's Day. We received nothing but praise and compliments from the attendees who loved hearing our impressive keynote speakers which comprised of Jay Rughani, Reena Ranger OBE, Sujata Din and Uma Cresswell all of whom we were very fortunate to have present as they are all highly regarded in their chosen fields and professions. Following these inspiring speeches, a diverse and dynamic panel engaged the audience on various topics, including parenting, equal partnerships in marriage, and breaking societal taboos surrounding women's health and career choices. The panel was hosted by Sonal Magecha, with other panellists including Bhavna Radia, Krupa Jasani Robertson, Ronak Paw, Jeet Rughani, Lavina Mehta MBE and Roshni Thakrar. The discussion provided invaluable perspectives for all; their insights were truly inspiring.

7. Up-Coming Events

YLS are thrilled to announce The Festival of Colour – Holi 2024 event on 6th April 2024. We have sold a record-breaking number of tickets within the first two weeks of launching sales, with our anticipated attendance being over 600 people. Along with playing Holi, the event will be catered by Blue Ginger and Scooperb as well as a DJ, dhol players and glitter face painter to provide entertainment. We are excited to welcome all families to this truly wonderful day.

YLS are hosting another social in London on 26th April 2024. Details to follow shortly.



8. Other Note-Worthy News

Finally, The YLS committee have been working tremendously hard behind the scenes on this for a while and we are thrilled to announce a fresh look for the YLS logo and website.

All YLS news will be easier to access with our socials feeding directly into the website along with our future YLS events managed directly through the website for a cleaner and smoother process. We are also excited to add to our website a YLS blog post to keep you updated on the progress of YLS and some insights to our events and committee. The new website will now be a one stop shop for all YLS related news and events. We also just wanted to express our heartfelt thanks to everyone who has supported us to launch this new website, with special thanks to Amit Chandarana.

For further details regarding the Young Lohana Society, upcoming events, and membership inquiries, kindly visit www.ylsnl.com or connect with us on our social media platforms, [@YLSnorthlondon](https://www.instagram.com/YLSnorthlondon).

We extend our sincere gratitude to the community for their unwavering support. Together, we are committed to organising impactful events to enhance our community and demonstrate our strength and solidarity.

Tulsi Tanna

YLS Chairperson 2023 - 2025

Shrey Khakhira

YLS Secretary 2023 - 2025

Aging Population

Chandu Rughani & Yatin Dawada



What is Ageing Population?

Due to medical advancements, people are living longer, which will result in an ageing population explosion in the coming years. There are several questions that arise from this.

- What health issues are there?
- What planning is required by LSC (Senior Men and Senior Ladies)?
- Are we ready as a community for the increase in the number of people with dementia, memory loss, and other related conditions?
- Will the government help, and if so, for how long?
- Will the NHS be able to cope with it?
- With the experience of caring for the elderly in the pandemic, it is quite evident our senior citizens prefer to be independent and are reluctant to be a burden on the family. How can we help them to be independent? What support can we provide them?

There were numerous challenges, and we had no answers for them. In 2019, Chandubhai Rughani, the Chairperson of LCNL Lohana Centre (Senior Men), and the President of LCNL at that time, Yatin Dawada requested the assistance of prominent Lord Dolar Popat. He has extensive knowledge in this field and produced a report entitled 'The Ageing Population in the Lohana Community' after several hours of research and reaching so many different people.

This report was well received across the globe. The recommendations have been reviewed and gradually implemented under Chandubhai's leadership as the chairperson of the Ageing Population. Due to the size of the project, each recommendation was discussed in detail and priorities were determined. The tasks involved:

- Prioritize the challenges.
- Establish a project team to commence working on priority challenges.

The Dementia project was launched last LCNL term under Prof. Bhik Kotecha's leadership, based on this concept. Several dementia events were organised, and all received positive feedback.

This term, we are continuing with Dementia under the leadership of Dr Dipa Modi and have also launched the Loneliness project under the chairmanship of Prof. Bhik Kotecha.

Dementia 2024 Project

The AP Dementia team held a successful medical camp for dementia in March 2023 at the Dhamecha Lohana Centre.



More than 300 people attended the event. Out of the 104 individuals who were screened for dementia, 9 were found to have a positive result. This was unknown to some of the 9 individuals.

In January 2024, we held a very successful zoom dementia webinar in Gujarati & English. Dr Jitendra Kakad discussed risk factors, symptoms of dementia, and the advantages of early diagnosis.

Dr Dipa Modi discussed how dementia is a lifestyle disease. Additionally, 15 natural methods for reducing and reversing dementia were discussed based on current evidence. Jyotiben Joshi discussed the social stigma associated with dementia and how best to care for those suffering from it. Also, the need for care for the caregiver which may be a family member.

Finally, Professor Bhik Kotecha gave an update on the dementia camp held at the Dhamecha Lohana Centre in March 2023.

The response to this webinar exceeded our expectations, and the zoom reached its maximum of 1000 capacity quickly. There was excellent feedback and we received hundreds of requests for viewing the recording. The recording is available on YouTube by searching for LCNL Dementia. Currently, it has been viewed by 2.8K. The participants come from diverse communities. In addition, we have been asked by 174 participants to inform them of future dementia events.

Furthermore, a synopsis of this dementia webinar was published in the Gujarat Samachar & Asian Voice Magazine.

In February 2024, the LCNL Ageing Population Dementia team was invited to present a similar presentation live on Nusound Radio. This was courtesy of the presenter Kanji Ghedia. Over 17000 Gujarati listeners from all over the world tuned in, making it a great success. Once again, positive feedback was received.

Further work is ongoing in planning future programs on legal and financial aspects, how to provide better care, and question and answer sessions. Please watch this space.



Loneliness 2024 Project

Prof Bhik Kotecha is the chairperson of this project.

On July 12th, 2023, a Zoom session titled 'Loneliness: Medical, Social, and Spiritual Perspective' was organized. The main speakers were Prof. Bhik Kotecha, Mr. Vinodbhai Kotecha, Mrs. Rashmiben Mapara, and Mrs. Jyotiben Joshi. The attendance surpassed our expectations and was well-received.

A variety of proposals were discussed to address loneliness. One proposal was to organise a social/musical evening to raise funds to help both the Dementia and Loneliness group. In particular, the Dementia group had pledged this to Alzheimer's Research group and it was suggested that some of the funds raised could be used by LCNL to support the Loneliness group activities.

Recognition

Our special thanks to Prof. Bhik Kotecha, Dr. Dipa Modi, Dr. Jitendra Kakad, Jyoti Joshi, Anita Thakkar, Shila Radia and Sonia Dava for their contributions to Ageing Population events. In addition, support from the LCNL EC committee, Amit Chandarana, Amit Karia, Sanjay Rughani, Jeet Rughani, and Malini Vissamdjee during the events. We are grateful to LCNL President Meenaben for supporting the Ageing Population project. Lastly, we express our gratitude to Lord Dolar Popat for his unwavering support for AP and for generating such an exceptional report.

Chandu Rughani

AP Convenor

Yatin Dawada

AP Vice Convenor



Bereavement Committee Report

Vinod Kotecha – Bereavement Committee Chairman



Jay Shree Krushna

As a Bereavement Team we have continued to provide and enhance our services over the last year. As with the last few years, we have continued to adapt to the requirements of the Bereaved families in terms of the type of support required.

Over the year, we have seen an increase in the number of live Prarthna and Bhajans taking place in Venues, which the team have conscientiously supported from coordination, to delivery of the actual Bhajans and Prayers both live and on Zoom simultaneously.

We continue to support other aspects too:

- Email notifications for Bereavement announcements, Funeral details, Prayer and Bhajan Details
- Funeral Vidhi & Crematorium service
- Prarthna & Bhajan
- Ashes Ceremonies
- Provision of details for other useful contacts, e.g. Funeral directors, Priests.

Whilst the core elements of our services have been described above, as a team we are very much aware of the levels of sensitivity and flexibility required through our services.

We also understand that during such a difficult period, Families will require as much support as possible to understand the various rituals involved. As part of this and also for the grieving process, we work to incorporate as many Prayers and reference to scriptures as a way of supporting this process and also to help ease things. Overall, the team feel very proud that we have been able to support the families over the last 23 years.

My sincere appreciation to the LCNL executive team, well led by Minaben Jasani and also the Bereavement team for their support, dedication and selfless seva. It has been very touching to receive such positive and valuable feedback from the families. The entire LCNL bereavement team sincerely appreciate this acknowledgment

Take care, stay safe, stay well and support each other. As always, should any of you require our services please contact me on:

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(For hall booking)



LCNL Connexions Report

Sheetal Barai - LCNL Connexions



Connexions is the LCNL matrimonial platform. Our motto is *"That unexpected meeting that changes your life!"*

Over the last couple years we have hosted a few events giving single guys & girls the opportunity to find their prospect partners within the community.

This term I am excited to be working with a fabulous team and together we have hosted 2 social events both being a total sell out!

The 1st was held Sept 2023 which was a Singles Mix & Mingle at Fire & Ice in Hatch End with a phenomenal turn out of 110. The 2nd singles mix & mingle was recently held in Feb 2024 at Coffee2Cocktails again with a phenomenal turn out of 100 candidates

Due to the demand and feedback received directly from the candidates we are in the process of planning a SPEED DATING event in June which again was highly successful when last held in Sept 2022.

Currently our database has over 600 candidates that are registered If anyone would like to register please go to our website www.lcnl.org and click on LCNL CONNEXIONS If you have any questions or would like to know more then please feel free to email us on connexions@lcnl.org.

I would like to take this opportunity to firstly thank Meenaben our president for giving me this opportunity to be part of connexions and secondly our fabulous team Amit Chandarana, Meera Majeethia, Tulsi Tanna and Anneka Ruperalia.

Who have all been actively involved in not only bringing these events to the community but for so much more that goes on behind the scenes without their support & hard work there would be no successful sold out events!

We look forward to bringing you more events over the next year and also look forward to hearing more success stories.

Sheetal Barai

On behalf of LCNL Connexions Team



Diwali Magazine Report

Bharat Ghelani – Diwali Magazine Convenor



Each year, we strive to enhance the appeal of our magazine and incorporate innovative ideas. The endeavor to produce this esteemed publication is indeed challenging. Initially daunting, I was fortunate to have Yatinbhai Dawada, whose guidance proved instrumental in steering us to completion. Thanks to his efforts, this year's magazine was edited well in advance and reached the broader community before Diwali.

The Diwali magazine acts as a conduit for engaging with our extended community. Beyond mere advertisements, its pages are filled with an array of informative and enlightening articles, alongside doses of humor.

The success of this Diwali Publication owes a debt of gratitude to our sponsors. Some of these sponsors have been steadfast supporters for years, never hesitating to lend their support. We sincerely appreciate your continued backing. We are delighted to announce that once again, we have met our fundraising target this year. Moreover, we have seen a record number of new sponsors come forward, and we extend our heartfelt thanks for placing your trust in and supporting the Lohana community. It is through the generosity of our sponsors that we are able to continue our support for the broader community, even amidst these challenging times. Your exceptional cooperation has been truly commendable and a joy to work with.

A special thank you goes out to our printers, Liquid Bubble, and particularly to Steve Berwick, whose creativity and excellent work have greatly contributed to the success of the publication. It brings us great pleasure to receive positive feedback from our community regarding the magazine.

I extend my gratitude to our President, Meenaben, for entrusting me with this responsibility. Additionally, we would like to express our appreciation to Dineshbhai Shonchhatra, Vishal Sodha, Pratibhaben Lakhani, Yatinbhai Dawada, Amit Chandarana and Urmilaben Thakkar, all of whom have generously devoted their time, effort, and dedication to the creation of this magazine. The articles have been organized in a manner to enhance readability and navigation, as we continuously endeavour to ensure that it remains accessible and enjoyable for our members.

Bharat Ghelani

Diwali Magazine Convenor





Navratri 2023 Report

Dhiru Savani, Ronak Paw, Jeet Rughani & Amit Karia
LCNL Navratri Joint Convenors

Jai Mataji

With Mataji's blessing Navratri 2023 was a huge success. The event was held at DLC and is now one of the most successful Navratri celebrations around with tickets in high demand.

We made a decision this year to keep ticket prices low, in fact much lower than a lot of other places and this meant we kept the vibe of the event going like in previous years. We also made some repairs and upgrades to Mataji's Mudh which were needed and this again improved the event and presence of Mataji was felt by all. Capacity was well controlled again and we did not sell tickets to full capacity in order to keep the space for people to play and enjoy the celebrations.

As always, we are grateful to the Anuradha, Kiran and all of the team from Strings for their performances. Without them, LCNL Navratri just wouldn't be the same. We also thank Kaykay and Co for their performance during Sharad Poonam. They brought a Bollywood twist to the evening and everyone thoroughly enjoyed all the Navratri music for sure.

We would also like to thank our Yajmans who make the event possible. Every year we get so many people supporting Navratri and we thank Pratibhaben Lakhani and Vinubhai Kotecha in particular for their help with the Yajman.

The amazing décor this year was again the work of the LCNL committee ladies helped by the Mahila and YLS ladies too. We won't mention any names as there are lots of people that help and we don't want to miss anyone out.

The LCNL Digital team and in particular Amit Karia and Amit Chandarana ensured that all the people that could not get tickets or wanted to watch from home could do so. This is something that we have tried to improve year on year and we will continue to do so.





A huge thanks to all of the LCNL committee members and associated committees as well as some other non-committee volunteers for their help during Navratri. The committees all volunteered to make sure the event ran smoothly and without them and the other volunteers we would not have been so successful.

Finally, we would like to thank all the public that supported the event by sponsoring or coming to the event. We look forward to celebrating Navratri again at DLC this year.

Amit Karia, Dhiru Savani, Jeet Rughani, Dinesh Shonchhatra & Ronak Paw
LCNL Navratri Convenors 2023

LCNL Link Report

Sanjay Rughani & Jeet Rughani – LCNL Link Joint Convenor



The LCNL LINK Business and Professionals Committee commenced the current year with remarkable momentum, hosting two successful events that exemplified our commitment to fostering networking opportunities and insightful discussions within our community.

Event Summaries:

1. Networking Event on Cybersecurity & the Darkweb (June 21, 2023):

The inaugural event of the year, held on June 21, 2023, centred around the crucial theme of Cybersecurity & the Darkweb. Sponsored generously by Forum Insurance (Mukeshbhai, Amish & Niraj Mamtara) and HT Drinks (Sagar & Bharatbhai Thakrar), the event provided a platform for attendees to delve into important technological concerns. Francis West delivered a captivating presentation, shedding light on cybersecurity challenges in our increasingly technology-driven world. It was well received with almost 200 people attending.

2. Black-Tie Dinner & Networking Event (March 1, 2024):

LCNL LINK marked a significant milestone with the grand Black-tie dinner at our Dhamecha Lohana Centre in Harrow on March 1, 2024. This prestigious black-tie affair gathered 300 individuals, showcasing the convergence of business acumen and professional excellence. Notable highlights included a silver service dinner and a selection of premium beverages, accompanied by a live piano performance. It was wonderful to see the 2nd generation members in attendance.

Distinguished speakers, including **George Walker, Partner at Allsops**, shared invaluable insights on the property market's current landscape.

Entrepreneur and TV pundit Raj Somaiya regaled the audience with his family's journey through the highs and lows of business life, which provided valuable lessons in overcoming adversity and seizing opportunities.

Ravi Sidhoo, Managing Director of Cynergy bank shared invaluable insights into the financial landscape, offering perspectives from his many years of experience in the banking sector.

Reena Papat (Headline Sponsor, Carter Bond), who also joined the panel, lent her expertise, enriching the dialogue with her entrepreneurial spirit and legal acumen.





The panel discussion, expertly chaired by Reena Ranger (OBE), was a dynamic exchange of ideas and thought-provoking discussion, ranging from business strategies to market trends, overcoming challenges to embracing opportunities.

It is fair to say that the event was further supported by **Sponsors to the community, namely: Carter Bond (Headline sponsor), KLSA Chartered Accountants, KSEYE Specialist Finance, Blue Alpine Property Experts & for the second time Forum Insurance who were co-sponsors.**

The success of these events was made possible by the relentless dedication of the LCNL LINK Sub-Committee, led by **Sanjay Rughani (Convenor) & Jeet Rughani (Joint Convenor), Amit Chandarana, Amit Karia, Dilipbhai Manek, Tulsi Tanna, Shivangi Karia, with the backing of Vinod Thakrar.** The support of the LCNL Executive Committee and under the leadership guidance of Meena Jasani, was also crucial to the success of these events, in ensuring their seamlessly execution.

Additionally, we extend our gratitude to **Raj Bhakrania with Asian Voice, and Gujarat Samachar** for their support in sharing the news about our events with the wider community, the DLC Management team as well as the Devendrabhai & Hasmukhbhai.

Looking ahead, LCNL LINK is committed to organizing further engaging events and advancing meaningful connections within our community. We welcome suggestions and contributions from our members to continue enriching our initiatives. The appetite for the above events was astonishing, we will continue to add events to our calendar, so please keep an eye on our social media and LCNL Emails.

Contact Information:

For more information about LCNL LINK, upcoming events & how to become a Sponsor, please reach out to us at link@lcnl.org or by calling Sanjay or Jeet.

We express our heartfelt appreciation to the entire community for their continued guidance and support. Together, we look forward to furthering the success and impact of LCNL LINK.

Sanjay C. Rughani & Jeet Rughani

LCNL Link Business & Professional Joint Convenors.



LCNL Sports Report

Dhiru Savani – LCNL Sports Convenor



The annual 2023 LNCL Golf Tournament was held at the Pinner Hill Golf Club on 20 July 2023. The event proved to be an even bigger success than previous years with 100 golfers taking part. The whole day proved to be an immense success with all participants enjoying not only the golf but also the BBQ in the evening. There was incredible interest in the event, having been oversubscribed.

I would like to thank all of the participants, without whom it would not have proved to be such a success. It was also great to see such a fantastic turnout for the evening BBQ, it has been quite a while since we have held one of these.

Our main sponsor for the event this year was Harold Benjamin Solicitors, HT & Co Drinks and REIM CAPITAL, to whom we are very grateful for their support and for providing various items to the participants. Our heartfelt thanks to all of the other sponsors for the event.

Finally, can I say a special thank you to the following individuals who worked immensely hard both prior to and on the day to organise such a great event and without who the event would not have been possible; Mahendra Ganatra, Ashok Sodha, Vinod Thakrar, Deepak Jatania, Janu Kotecha, Prakash Radia, Ronak Paw, Vishal Sodha and Amit Chandarana.

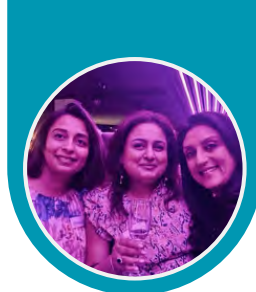
This year, the golf day will be held on 31 July 2024 at Moor Park Golf Club. Anyone who is keen to participate or to sponsor the event, please do let us know.

Dhiru Savani

LCNL Sports Convenor



LCNL Youth Group Report



Shilpa Radia, Meera Thakrar Dayal, and Sheetal Lakhani
LCNL Youth Group Convenors

Dear Lohana Community North London (LCNL) Members,

We hope this message finds you well and ready to embrace the vibrant spirit of spring. As we step into this season of renewal and growth, we, the Lohana Youth Club Committee, are thrilled to share some exciting updates and plans that promise to make our community even more engaging and connected.

Community Growth: Celebrating Our Vibrancy

Our journey together over the past year has been nothing short of amazing. We've seen our WhatsApp group expand by an impressive 45%, welcoming new members into our fold. This growth is a testament to the vibrant and supportive spirit of our community, and we're incredibly proud of what we've achieved together.

For those who love staying updated through visuals and stories, our Instagram page [@lohanayouthclubnl](https://www.instagram.com/lohanayouthclubnl) is bustling with activity. It's a great way to keep in touch, see what we're up to, and share in our collective experiences. If you haven't already, follow us and become part of our growing social media family.

Reflecting on Our Shared Experiences

The past months have been filled with memorable moments that have brought us closer as a community. Here's a quick recap of what we've accomplished:

- Seva Days that have allowed us to give back to those in need.
- A heart warming Mums Dinner at Namaste, celebrating the incredible women in our lives.
- Youth Club Aarti during Navratri, which saw our members come together in devotion and celebration.
- Our enthusiastic youth volunteering at the LCNL medical camp, showcasing their interest in medical and scientific fields.
- Fun-filled outings like the Crystal Maze challenge and the Golf Event, coupled with a Parents Social that brought families together in laughter and joy.

Looking Ahead: Exciting Times Await

The coming months are packed with events and activities that we're eager to share with you:

- Joint Holi Event with YLS: Get ready for a burst of colour and joy as we celebrate Holi in collaboration with the Young Lohana Society. This is the perfect opportunity for our community to come together and make lasting memories.





- **Diwali Celebration:** We are planning a spectacular Diwali event that promises to be an evening of lights, laughter, and community spirit. It's an opportunity to come together, celebrate our culture, and create unforgettable memories.

Join Us and Make a Difference

Your participation and support are what make the Lohana Youth Club a vibrant and enriching place for our youth. If you have children aged 12 to 19, or if you're interested in contributing ideas or support for our future events, we warmly invite you to join our community. Connect with us through our WhatsApp group and let's make 2024 a year to remember.

Thank you for being a vital part of our journey. Here's to growing together, creating unforgettable memories, and strengthening the bonds of our community.

Shilpa Radia, Meera Thakrar Dayal, and Sheetal Lakhani

Lohana Youth Club Committee

LCNL Yoga Group Report

Rasika & Nalini – Yoga Group



We are happy to report that RCT Yog group is thriving well and with great interest from the community. Last year, our spring, summer and Autumn programmes were very successful with regular days of yoga, pranayama and relaxation by ourselves as well as retreats by our invited mentors from India.

Lots of our original students from 2006 came despite in their 80's and 90's. They looked fantastic and still can do complex yoga postures. Thanks to Yog and Pranayama. We were visited by Acharya Balkrishnaji and team from Haridwar.

Rasika Radia & Nalini Padania

LCNL Yoga Group

LCNL Bhagavat Gita Classes Report

Diviash & Bhavisha Thakrar – Gita Classes Group



When: We gather on the first and third Wednesday of each month at the RCT to delve into this timeless literature emanating from the lips of Lord Krishna.

What to Expect: Our sessions are grounded and inclusive, starting with a Kirtan, followed by interactive discussions. We wrap up with light refreshments, fostering a warm community atmosphere.

Who: This initiative is a successful collaboration between LCNL and devotees from Bhaktivedanta Manor, with Kunal and Vaisnava Das as two of our speakers.

Attendance: Typically, we have 40 to 50 participants at each session, ranging from beginners to seasoned practitioners. We're like a big family, exploring the nuances of the Gita and supporting each other's spiritual journeys.

Join Us: Whether you're new to the Gita or an expert, our sessions are relaxed and welcoming. Why not join us?

Significance: The Bhagavad Gita, described as the most confidential and king of all knowledge, was first spoken in the dynasty of King Raghu, ancestors of our Raghuvanshi dynasty. Lord Krishna reiterated its teachings 5000 years ago, offering invaluable insights into our lives.

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Diviash & Bhavisha Thakrar

Bhagavat Gita Classes



LCNL Financial Accounts

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LOHANA COMMUNITY NORTH LONDON

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 JANUARY 2024

PRESIDENT

MEENA JASANI

TREASURER

VISHAL SODHA



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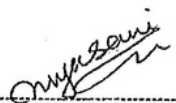
STATEMENT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE'S RESPONSIBILITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2024

The community constitution require financial statements to be prepared for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the community and of its surplus or deficit for the year. In preparing those accounts, the executive committee is required to

- Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- observe applicable accounting standards
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis

The executive committee is also responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Community. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Community and hence for taking reasonable steps for prevention and detection of fraud and any other irregularities.



MEENA JASANI
PRESIDENT

Date: 8th April 2024.

HONORARY ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT

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Report to the Executive Committee of Lohana Community North London on the Preparation of the Unaudited Financial Statements for the year ended 31 January 2024.

I have prepared for your approval the financial statements of the Lohana Community North London for the year ended 31 January 2024 which comprise of Income and expenditure account, balance sheet and notes from the accounting records and from information and explanations you have given me

As a member of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants, I am subject to its ethical and other professional requirements which are detailed at <https://www.accaglobal.com/gb/en/about-us/regulation/rulebook.html>

My work has been undertaken solely to prepare for your approval the financial statements of Lohana Community North London and state those matters that I have agreed to state to the Executive Committee in accordance with the requirements of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants as detailed at http://www.accaglobal.com/content/dam/ACCA_Global/Technical/fact/technical-factsheet-163.pdf.

To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Executive Committee of Lohana Community North London

It is your duty to ensure that Lohana Community North London has kept adequate accounting records and to prepare financial statements that give a true and fair view of the assets and liabilities, financial positions and surplus of Lohana Community North London.

I have prepared the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 January 2024 set out on page 3 to 9, from books records and information supplied to me, without carrying out an audit and certify the same to be in accordance therewith.



Mr Dilip P Unarket
Honorary Accountant
Chartered Certified Accountant
1st floor, Kirkland House
11-15 Peterborough Road
Harrow
HA1 2AX

Date: 08/04/2024,



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LOHANA COMMUNITY NORTH LONDON
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2024

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	Note	2024 £	2023 £
INCOME			
Membership Subscriptions		4,500	4,125
General Donations		-	752
Chopada Pujan and Diwali Milan	6	-	608
Navratri	6	28,968	30,810
Raghuvanshi Magazine	6	36,703	34,264
Mahila mandal		2,842	3,160
Senior Men		1,265	1,941
Senior Ladies		926	381
Young Lohana Society		-	6,036
Gujarati Play		2,610	1,822
Connexions		862	1,635
Social Functions and Events	6	-	931
Golf Day Income		15,051	7,548
Link Event -Cybercrime	6	658	-
Whist Drive event	6	215	-
		<u>94,600</u>	<u>94,013</u>
Less: Expenses		<u>52,737</u>	<u>41,102</u>
		41,863	52,911
Less: Donations			
Lohana Charitable Foundation		31,000	25,000
		<u>10,863</u>	<u>27,911</u>

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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2024

EXPENDITURE	2024 £	2023 £
ADMINISTRATION		
Young Lohana Society	2,260	-
Annual General Meeting Expenses	2,813	2,398
Website Maintenance & IT expenses	10,368	2,867
Hall Hire -DLC	30,000	30,000
General Expenses	-	579
Bank Charges	170	284
Maha Parishad Expenses	1,427	1,058
Bereavement Zoom Expenses	694	1,261
Chopada Pujan and Diwali Milan	6 434	-
News and Events	6 1,033	-
Hanuman Jayanti	6 409	-
Janmashtami	6 60	-
Jalaram Jayanti	6 92	-
Maha shivratri	6 323	-
Depreciation	2,654	2,655
	<u>52,737</u>	<u>41,102</u>
Total expenditure for the year	<u>52,737</u>	<u>41,102</u>



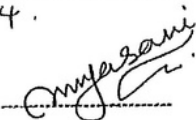
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LOHANA COMMUNITY NORTH LONDON
BALANCE SHEET/ STATEMENT OF AFFAIRS
AS AT 31 JANUARY 2024

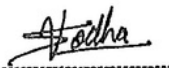
		2024 £	2023 £
GENERAL FUND	NOTE 3	139,169	128,306
REPRESENTED BY			
FIXED ASSET			
Tangible assets	2	2,657	5,311
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash at Bank and in hand		120,512	113,870
Charity Bank account	7	5,476	3,792
Debtors and prepayments	4	16,000	9,152
		144,645	132,125
Creditors and provisions	5	5,476	3,819
		139,169	128,306

These Financial Statements were approved by the Executive Committee and authorised for issue on 4th April 2024.

Meena Jasani
President



Vishal Sodha
Honorary Treasurer



1 Accounting policies

The Financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with applicable accounting standards.

Tangible Assets

All tangible assets are initially recorded at cost

Depreciation

Fixtures and fittings are depreciated at 25% on a straight line basis

Comparative amounts

Certain corresponding amounts have been restated to ensure comparability without affecting the relevant net results

2 Tangible Assets

	Fixtures fittings and equipments	Total
Cost	£	£
At 1 February 2023 and At 31 January 2024	10,619	10,619
	<hr/>	<hr/>
Depreciation		
At 1 February 2023	5,308	5,308
Charge for the year	2,654	2,654
At 31 January 2024	<hr/> 7,962 <hr/>	<hr/> 7,962 <hr/>
Net Book Value		
At 31 January 2024	<hr/> 2,657 <hr/>	<hr/> 2,657 <hr/>
At 31 January 2023	<hr/> 5,311 <hr/>	<hr/> 5,311 <hr/>

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LOHANA COMMUNITY NORTH LONDON
 NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (including Mahila Mandal)
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2024

	2024	2023
	£	£
3 General Fund		
Balance as at 1 February	128,306	100,395
Net surplus for the year-LCNL	10,863	27,911
	<u>139,169</u>	<u>128,306</u>
	<u>139,169</u>	<u>128,306</u>
4 Debtors and Prepayments		
Bulletin News and Events advertisement	14,000	9,152
Golf Deposit	2,000	-
	<u>16,000</u>	<u>9,152</u>
5 Creditors and provisions		
General Charity Fund (Note 7)	5,476	3,792
Sundry creditors	-	27
	<u>5,476</u>	<u>3,819</u>



LOHANA COMMUNITY NORTH LONDON
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2024

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6 Income accounts/Expenses	2024			2023		
	Income £	Expenses £	Net £	Income £	Expenses £	Net £
Chopda Pujan	2,424	2,858	(434)	2,357	1,749	608
Navratri	54,100	25,132	28,968	50,990	20,180	30,810
Raghuvanshi Magazine	53,595	16,892	36,703	50,733	16,469	34,264
News and Events	2,550	3,583	(1,033)	-	-	-
Connexions	1,485	623	862	-	-	-
Link Event	2,000	1,342	658	-	-	-
Medical Camp	1,345	1,345	-	-	-	-
Whist Drive Event	1,063	848	215	-	-	-
Golf	26,525	11,474	15,051	18,730	11,182	7,548
Social Functions & Events						
Queens Jubilee	-	-	-	1,911	1,671	240 A
Other social activities Expenses	-	-	-	2,659	3,997	(1,338) B
Festival income & Expenses						
Hanuman Jayanti & chalisa	1,551	1,960	(409)	-	-	-
Janmashtami	530	590	(60)	-	-	-
Jalaram Jayanti	-	92	(92)	-	-	-
Maha Shivratri	-	323	(323)	-	-	-
Ramnavmi	6,610	6,610	-	-	-	-
	<u>8,691</u>	<u>6,610</u>	<u>(884)</u>	<u>5,464</u>	<u>3,435</u>	<u>2,029 C</u>
				(A+B+C)		931



LOHANA COMMUNITY NORTH LONDON
 NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2024

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7 General Charity Fund-LCNL

	£	2024 £	£	2023 £
Balance at 1 February 2023		3,792		5,835
Collection during the year		4,152		5,574
		<u>7,944</u>		<u>11,409</u>
Less: Donations payable during the year				
Alzheimer society	250		-	
Shivratri Bhet	200		301	
BETIGI	-		100	
Anoopam Mission-Denham mandir	-		5000	
UK Aid- Ukraine	-		101	
Chopada Pujan	100		302	
Chelmsford Mandir (LCF)	-		1000	
Nursing College Asian Foundation	-		500	
Asian Foundation for Cancer research	-		250	
Absafe	251		-	
Vallabh Youth Organisaiaon (VYO)	500		-	
Janmasthami donation	353		-	
Vishnusahastra Donation	250		-	
Vallabh Nidhi	501		-	
	<u>2,405</u>	<u>2,405</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>7554</u>
Bank charges		63		63
		<u>5,476</u>		<u>3,792</u>
(Note 5)				



Mahila Financial

Accounts

LCNL- Lohana Mahila Mandal

Balance sheet as at 31 January 2024

	Note	2024 £	2023 £
Current assets			
Stock		-	-
Bank Current account		9,080	6,202
Bank Premium account		-	-
Bank Charity account		-	7
Cash in hand		80	116
		<u>9,160</u>	<u>6,325</u>
Total Assets			
General Fund			
Capital fund account	1	2,500	2,500
Charity Fund	2	-	7
Net Surplus for the year	4	<u>6,660</u>	<u>3,818</u>
		<u>9,160</u>	<u>6,325</u>

Signed on behalf of the Executive Committee

Archnaben Sodha
Chair Person



Haruben Chotai
(Hon, Treasurer)



Asst Treasurer

LCNL-Lohana Mahila Mandal
Notes to Accounts as at 31 January 2024

	2024 £	2023 £
1 Capital account		
Balance at 1 February 2023	2,500	2,500
Movement during the year	-	-
Balance at 31 January 2023	<u>2,500</u>	<u>2,500</u>
2 Charity Fund Account (Ac closed)		
Balance at 1 February 2023	-	697
Donations received / transfer	-	(690)
Funds from LCNL	-	-
Payments to Charities	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>7</u>
3 Donations paid		
Special Need	-	-
Special Need Artist	-	50
Anoopam Mission	-	501
Lohana Charitable Foundation	3,500	3,102
LCNL-Senior Mahila	-	25
Ashiana Charitable Trust	-	51
Asian Foundation for help	-	600
Bhet & Priest	-	371
	<u>3,500</u>	<u>4,700</u>
4 Surplus retained account		
Balance at 1 February 2023	3,818	658
Surplus for the year	<u>2,842</u>	<u>3,160</u>
Balance at 31 January 2024	<u>6,660</u>	<u>3,818</u>



LCNL-Lohana Mahila Mandal

Income and expenditure account for the year ended 31 January 2024

Income	Note	2024 £	2023 £
Sale of Tickets		14,045	16,595
Donations		238	5,390
Sale of Aarti Thalıs		642	150
Stall Rent		880	650
Artı Yajmans		1,712	505
Miscellaneous income		-	341
Raffle, pledges and auctions		-	1,211
		<u>17,517</u>	<u>24,842</u>
Expenditure			
Food & Catering		1,085	5,403
Musicians & Performers		1,820	7,886
Gujarati Natak		4,956	-
Coach Hire		875	-
Aarti Thalıs & Dandias		-	68
Printing postage & stationery		135	65
Security cleaners & helpers		1,668	3,108
Donations to charities	3	3,500	4,700
Miscellaneous expenses		558	407
Bank charges		78	45
		<u>14,675</u>	<u>21,682</u>
Total Expenditure for the eyar		<u>14,675</u>	<u>21,682</u>
Surplus retained in LCNL		<u>2,842</u>	<u>3,160</u>



Lohana Charitable Foundation (LCF)

DLC & LCF Accounts

LOHANA CHARITABLE FOUNDATION LIMITED

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Unrestricted funds 2022 £
Income from:			
Donations and legacies	3	92,402	54,624
Investments	4	100,000	100,000
Total income		<u>192,402</u>	<u>154,624</u>
Charitable activities	5	<u>115,369</u>	<u>40,645</u>
Net income and movement in funds		<u>77,033</u>	<u>113,979</u>
Reconciliation of funds:			
Fund balances at 6 April 2022		<u>4,661,302</u>	<u>4,547,323</u>
Fund balances at 5 April 2023		<u><u>4,738,335</u></u>	<u><u>4,661,302</u></u>

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



LOHANA CHARITABLE FOUNDATION LIMITED

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 5 APRIL 2023

	Notes	2023		2022	
		£	£	£	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	10	4,555,489		-	
Investment property	11	-		4,610,703	
Investments	12	470,000		470,000	
			5,025,489		5,080,703
Current assets					
Debtors	14	25,937		26,077	
Cash at bank and in hand		74,514		1,728	
			100,451		27,805
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	15	28,099		29,349	
Net current assets/(liabilities)			72,352		(1,544)
Total assets less current liabilities			5,097,841		5,079,159
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	16		(359,506)		(417,857)
Net assets			4,738,335		4,661,302
The funds of the Charity					
Unrestricted funds			4,738,335		4,661,302
			4,738,335		4,661,302

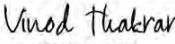
The company is entitled to the exemption from the audit requirement contained in section 477 of the Companies Act 2006, for the year ended 5 April 2023, although an audit has been carried out under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of financial statements.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements under the requirements of the Companies Act 2006, for the year in question in accordance with section 476.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 8 December 2023

DocuSigned by:

 BC850A34E440A07
 Mr Vinodrai Thakrar
 Trustee

Company registration number 09580721 (England and Wales)



LOHANA CHARITABLE FOUNDATION LIMITED

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2023

1 Accounting policies (Continued)

1.14 Group accounts

The financial statements present information about the charity as an individual undertaking and not about its group. The charity and its subsidiary undertaking comprise a small-sized group. The charity has therefore taken advantage of the exemptions provided by section 399 of the Companies Act 2006 and section 139 of Charities Act 2011 not to prepare group accounts.

2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the Charity's accounting policies, the Trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

Key sources of estimation uncertainty

The estimates and assumptions which have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amount of assets and liabilities are as follows.

Useful lives of property, plant and equipment

Management reviews the useful lives and residual values of the items of property, plant and equipment on a regular basis. During the financial year, the directors determined no significant changes in the useful lives and residual values.

3 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Unrestricted funds 2022 £
Donations and gifts	90,872	53,597
HMRC gift aid	1,530	1,027
	<u>92,402</u>	<u>54,624</u>

4 Income from investments

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Unrestricted funds 2022 £
Rental income	<u>100,000</u>	<u>100,000</u>



LOHANA CHARITABLE FOUNDATION LIMITED

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2023

5 Expenditure on charitable activities

	2023 £	2023 £	2023 £	2022 £
Direct costs				
Donations	12,018	-	12,018	12,436
Events expenses	15,383	-	15,383	4,466
	<u>27,401</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>27,401</u>	<u>16,902</u>
Share of support costs (see note 6)	84,968	-	84,968	20,993
Share of governance costs (see note 6)	-	3,000	3,000	2,750
	<u>112,369</u>	<u>3,000</u>	<u>115,369</u>	<u>40,645</u>

6 Support costs

	Support costs £	Governance costs £	2023 £	Support costs £	Governance costs £	2022 £
Depreciation	55,214	-	55,214	-	-	-
Insurance	5,139	-	5,139	1,192	-	1,192
Bank charges	281	-	281	52	-	52
Bank interest paid	23,736	-	23,736	19,689	-	19,689
Legal and professional fees	598	-	598	60	-	60
Audit fees	-	3,000	3,000	-	2,750	2,750
	<u>84,968</u>	<u>3,000</u>	<u>87,968</u>	<u>20,993</u>	<u>2,750</u>	<u>23,743</u>
Analysed between Charitable activities	<u>84,968</u>	<u>3,000</u>	<u>87,968</u>	<u>20,993</u>	<u>2,750</u>	<u>23,743</u>
	<u>84,968</u>	<u>3,000</u>	<u>87,968</u>	<u>20,993</u>	<u>2,750</u>	<u>23,743</u>

7 Trustees

None of the Trustees (or any persons connected with them) were reimbursed for expenses from the Charity during the period.

None of the Trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the Charity during the period.

8 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2023 Number	2022 Number
Total	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>



DHAMECHA LOHANA CENTRE LIMITED

DETAILED PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

	2023 £	2023 £	2022 £	2022 £
Turnover				
Rental income		249,503		117,696
Donation and legacies		15,852		670
		<u>265,355</u>		<u>118,366</u>
Other operating income				
Government grants receivable and released		-		6,501
Administrative expenses				
Wages and salaries	26,981		21,317	
Social security costs	1,644		-	
Rent re operating leases	100,000		100,000	
Rates	4,690		1,040	
Cleaning	22,057		16,231	
Power, light and heat	28,427		13,600	
Property repairs and maintenance	52,778		13,005	
Premises insurance	440		4,013	
Consultancy fees	566		1,579	
Accountancy	3,600		2,450	
Audit fees	4,020		2,700	
Bank charges	71		59	
Printing and stationery	101		507	
Advertising	-		2,015	
Telecommunications	4,012		3,270	
Entertaining	-		29	
Sundry expenses	639		438	
Depreciation	2,392		3,190	
		<u>(252,418)</u>		<u>(185,443)</u>
Operating profit/(loss)		12,937		(60,576)
Interest payable and similar expenses				
Bank interest on loans and overdrafts		(671)		(427)
Profit/(loss) before taxation	4.62%	<u>12,266</u>	51.54%	<u>(61,003)</u>



DHAMECHA LOHANA CENTRE LIMITED

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

	2023 £	2022 £
Turnover	265,355	118,366
Administrative expenses	(252,418)	(185,443)
Other operating income	-	6,501
Operating profit/(loss)	<u>12,937</u>	<u>(60,576)</u>
Interest payable and similar expenses	(671)	(427)
Profit/(loss) before taxation	<u>12,266</u>	<u>(61,003)</u>
Tax on profit/(loss)	-	-
Profit/(loss) for the financial year	<u><u>12,266</u></u>	<u><u>(61,003)</u></u>

Included in other income are grants obtained from the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme amounting to £nil (2022: £6,501) for staff on furlough leave.



DHAMECHA LOHANA CENTRE LIMITED

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 MARCH 2023

	Notes	2023		2022	
		£	£	£	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	4		7,175		9,566
Current assets					
Debtors	5	4,590		5,483	
Cash at bank and in hand		22,347		16,531	
		<u>26,937</u>		<u>22,014</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	6	<u>(47,919)</u>		<u>(54,521)</u>	
Net current liabilities			<u>(20,982)</u>		<u>(32,507)</u>
Total assets less current liabilities			<u>(13,807)</u>		<u>(22,941)</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	7		<u>(22,067)</u>		<u>(25,199)</u>
Net liabilities			<u>(35,874)</u>		<u>(48,140)</u>
Capital and reserves					
Called up share capital			470,000		470,000
Profit and loss reserves			(505,874)		(518,140)
Total equity			<u>(35,874)</u>		<u>(48,140)</u>

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the board of directors and authorised for issue on 8 December 2023 and are signed on its behalf by:

DocuSigned by:

 8138106346440407
 Mr Vinod Thakrar
 Director

Company registration number 09094775 (England and Wales)

The Raghuvanshi Charitable Trust

Accounts

THE RAGHUVANSHI CHARITABLE TRUST
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 28TH FEBRUARY 2023

Statement of financial activities

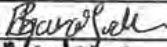
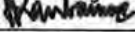
Recommended categories by activity	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted		Total funds £	Prior year funds £
		Income funds £	Endowment funds £		
Incoming resources (Note 3)					
Income and endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	4,750	-	-	4,750	8,500
Charitable activities	-	-	-	-	750
Other trading activities	57,016	-	-	57,016	38,171
Investments	-	-	-	-	-
Separate material item of income	-	-	-	-	7,000
Other	-	-	-	-	1
Total	61,766	-	-	61,766	54,422
Resources expended (Note 5)					
Expenditure on:					
Relating funds	29,409	-	-	29,409	29,392
Charitable activities	-	-	-	-	-
Separate material item of expense	-	-	-	-	-
Other	14,154	-	-	14,154	14,541
Total	43,563	-	-	43,563	43,933
Net income/(expenditure) before investment gains/(losses)	18,203	-	-	18,203	10,489
Net gains/(losses) on investments	-	-	-	-	-
Net Income/(expenditure)	18,203	-	-	18,203	10,489
Extraordinary items	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
Other recognised gains/(losses):					
Gains and losses on revaluation of fixed assets for the charity's own use	-	-	-	-	-
Other gains/(losses)	-	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds	18,203	-	-	18,203	10,489
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward	569,404	-	-	569,404	558,915
Total funds carried forward	587,607	-	-	587,607	569,404

THE RAGHUVANSHI CHARITABLE TRUST
BALANCE SHEET
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 28TH FEBRUARY 2023

Balance sheet

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted Income funds £	Endowment funds £	Total this year £	Total last year £
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	(Note 8) 480,265	-	-	480,265	494,419
Total fixed assets	480,265	-	-	480,265	494,419
Current assets					
Debtors	(Note 7) 11,100	-	-	11,100	3,600
Cash at bank and in hand	(Note 9) 101,688	-	-	101,688	78,934
Total current assets	112,788	-	-	112,788	82,534
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	(Note 6) 5,446	-	-	5,446	7,547
Net current assets/(liabilities)	107,342	-	-	107,342	74,987
Total net assets or liabilities	587,607	-	-	587,607	569,406
Funds of the Charity					
Unrestricted funds	587,607	-	-	587,607	569,406
Total funds	587,607	-	-	587,607	569,406

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval dd/mm/yyyy
	Bharat A Sodha	02/11/2023
	Kamelesh Kantaria	02/11/2023

Mahila Mandal Secretary Report

Sadhna Mehta – Mahila Mandal Secretary



Sav Jai Shree Krushna and Jai Jalaram

It gives me a great pleasure to give our Mahila Mandal report as a secretary for year 2023 – 2024.

First year has been a progressive year for us where we organized various events like Rudri Puja, Ladies Garbas and more as covered in our Chairperson Archanaben Sodha's report.

All the events have been successful and well attended and this was made possible because of our hardworking Mahila Mandal committee who are always ready to help and keep the togetherness with the wider community and our sponsors.

On behalf of LCNL Mahila Mandal, I would like to thank our LCNL President Meenaben Jasani, who has been inspiring and supportive thorough out the year and to LCNL Secretary Amitbhai Chandarana for always being there for us.

I would like to extend my gratitude to Lohana community members, LCNL, Senior Ladies, Senior Men, YSL, DIGITAL TEAM, RCT, LCF and DLC. for continuous guidance, support, help and we look forward to working together next year.

As always, at Mahila Mandal our aim is to continue engaging all the ladies and promoting various events to entertain and bring everyone together, if anyone has any new ideas which could benefit the community or would like to volunteer and help, please contact any of our committee members.

Finally, my appreciation to our assistant Secretary Shilpaben Thakrar for all her help and working hand in hand with me.

Jai Shree Krushna and Jai Jalaram

Sadhna Mehta

LCNL Mahila Mandal Secretary



Mahila Mandal Treasurer Report

Haru Chotai – Mahila Mandal Treasurer



Jay Shree Krishna,

It has been both an honour and a privilege to serve as Treasurer for the Lohana Community North London Mahila Mandal. I extend my heartfelt gratitude to our Chairperson, Archnaben Sodha, and her dedicated team for entrusting me with the responsibility of managing the Mahila Mandal's finances.

Over the past year, the LCNL Mahila Mandal successfully organised five events, each receiving overwhelmingly positive feedback. The concerted efforts of all committee members were instrumental in ensuring the success of these events, as reflected in the financial accounts I have meticulously compiled and summarised below.

At the beginning of the year, our bank balance stood at £6318.00. During the year, we received a total income of £17,517.00 from the events, including donations (£238.00) and contributions from Yajmaans (£1,712.00).

Our total expenditure attributed to the events amounted to £14,675, resulting in a surplus of £2842.00.

Furthermore, we incurred £66.47 in bank charges and collected £450.82 aarti monies. Allowing for this, as of February 29, 2024, our closing bank balance stands at £9160.00. On behalf of the LCNL Mahila Mandal, I extend sincere gratitude to all donors and Yajmaans for their generous contributions, which have significantly contributed to the success of our events. Throughout 2023, we received a total donation of £238.00 and Yajmaan contributions totalling £1,712.00.

Additionally, I would like to express my gratitude to LCNL Treasurer Vishalbhai Sodha for his invaluable guidance and unwavering support throughout the year.

I am deeply grateful to Jeet Rughani and his team for their invaluable assistance during our highly acclaimed Ladies' Afternoon Garba event.

Finally, I extend my sincere thanks to our Chairperson Archnaben Sodha, my Assistant Treasurer Maliniben Vissandjee and fellow committee members for their unwavering support and dedication during the year.

Haru Chotai

LCNL Mahila Treasurer



LCNL Mahila AGM 2023 Minutes

24th March 2023 – 2PM
Dhamecha Lohana Centre



Top Table

Geetaben Nathwani, Archanaben Sodha, Jayshreeben Gadhia, Bhaviniben Kotecha, Anilaben Tanna, Nainaben Raithatha, Dineshbhai Sonchatra, Ashokbhai Sodha.

Welcome by Geetaben Nathwani - Chairperson

Jayshreeben Gadhia - Secretary

The meeting started with Gayatri Mantras, followed by lighting of the Diya's and a minute silence for departed souls.

Invited Geetaben Nathwani Chairperson for her report.

Any matters Arising: Non

Approval of the last 2021-2023 Mahila Mandal AGM Minutes: Malini Vissandjee, Seconded by Pratibhaben Lakhani.

Geetaben Nathwani Report - Chairperson

Pranam. My term has almost come to an end. 2-years have been quite challenging. I have made many connections and have thoroughly enjoyed serving Mahila Mandal and the Community as a Chairperson.

My first year was slightly different due to the Covid Pandemic, but we sailed through! Many of the events were done via Zoom. In the first year we managed to do 7 Zoom events. I would like to thank the LCNL President Dineshbhai Shonchhatra for all his support and the Digital Team for all their support.

Rudri Puja was the first live event after the lockdown. With limited numbers, it was still a very successful event.

The second event was the Ladies Garba, due to Covid, again with limited numbers it was a successful event. In the second year, it was decided amongst the Mahila Mandal Committee not to serve lunch at Ladies Garba.

Between 9th April and 3rd December 2022, we managed to do 7 live events.

I would like to thank all the Yajmans, LCNL team and the entire Mahila Committee for all their support.





May 2022, Satyanarayan Katha was sponsored by Pushpaben Raja and family. The message we received from the family, they were truly humbled and thanked the Mahila Committee for fulfilling. Raja family wish.

July 2022, we had Loti Utsav which was sponsored by the Dhamecha Parivar. Veenaben Dhamecha commented that we are honored to have the Mahila Mandal who does an amazing job.

We then had the Bollywood evening where proceeds went to 2 charities, £1551 to BLISS and £1551 to Asian Women Cancer group. Donations of £600 was given to Asian Foundation for help towards the Samuh Lagna in Valsad as well as £501 towards the Aum Crematorium bricks.

A cheque for £3500 was presented to LCNL.

Thank you to LCNL President Dineshbhai Shonchhatra, and LCNL treasurer Vinodbhai Sakaria for helping to set up the MM bank account at HSBC. I would also like to thank Dilipbhai Unadkat from John Cumming Ross Accountant Practice for all their support.

Secretary's Report: Jayshreeben Gadhia

It has been an honor to serve as Secretary to the Mahila Mandal which has flown by. Over the two years, I have enjoyed working with our Chairperson Geetaben Nathwani and thank you for her guidance and to the entire Committee in making our events successful.

Treasurer's Report – Anilaben Tanna

Jai Shree Krishna, Jai Jalaram. Another successful term for Mahila Mandal despite the Covid Pandemic. It has been inspiring to see continued engagement and generosity of our community as we adjust to our new normal routine.

I thank Geetaben Nathwani for her Leadership and guidance and the entire Mahila Mandal Committee for their support.

Social Secretary: Nainaben Raithatha

Jai Shree Krishna. It has been a privilege to serve as Social Secretary and I am pleased to say that we have had some successful events despite the Covid situation. Bollywood Evening was just to name a few. I would like to thank the entire Committee for all their hard work and support in making all the events happen.





Ashokbhai Sodha

I shall now announce the New Mahila Mandal Committee for 2023 -2025.

There are 2 candidates for the position of Assistance Social Secretary for which I invite both candidates on stage to give their speech and thereafter there will be a nomination process.

Prafullaben Kotecha and Dulari Tanna, both introduced themselves. This was followed by a vote from those who were present. Dulariben Tanna was nominated as the Assistant Social Secretary.

The Mahila Mandal Executive Committee for 2023-2025

- Archanaben Sodha – Chairperson
- Bhaviniben Kotecha – Assistant Chairperson
- Sadhnaben Mehta – Secretary
- Shilpaben Thakrar – Assistant Secretary
- Haruben Chotai – Treasurer
- Maliniben Vissandjee – Assistant Treasurer
- Pravinaben Khagram – Social Secretary
- Dulariben Tanna – Assistant Social Secretary
- Geetaben Nathwani – Immediate Past Chairperson
- Jayshreeben Gadhia – Immediate past Secretary
- Pramilaben Radia – Committee Member
- Nainaben Raithatha – Committee Member
- Anilaben Tanna- Committee Member
- Kaushikaben Chandarana – Committee Member
- Nisha Nagji – Committee Member
- Tilash Sauni – Committee Member
- Anitaben Thakkar – Committee Member
- Vinaxiben Popat – Committee Member
- Sanyuktaben Ganatra – Committee Member

Archanaben Sodha – Newly Elected Chairperson

Jai Shree Krushna, Jai Jalaram. I would like to express my gratitude for being honored to serve as the incoming Chairperson.

I am humbled and privileged to serve the Community and reassure that I will live up to the expectation. My expectations are to work with each other and my new Committee to reach onto newer heights. I would like to thank Geetaben Nathwani who has guided me, and I would like to thank the whole Committee for trusting in me. Once again, thank you.

AGM Concluded 3:50PM





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